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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS
7 MORNING'S MEETING BUT, BEFORE WE START OUR BOARD BUSINESS
8 TODAY, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE
9 LOWERING OF ALL OF THE COUNTY FLAGS IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS
10 OF THE HURRICANE KATRINA AND I ASK THAT WE ALSO, ONCE WE
11 APPROVE THAT, THAT WE-- AND, IF THERE ISN'T ANY OBJECTION, I
12 HAVE THREE COLLEAGUES HERE. THAT'S MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED
13 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON
14 THAT ITEM. AND ASK THAT WE JOIN IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO
15 HONOR ALL THE AMERICANS THAT WE LOST DURING HURRICANE KATRINA
16 AND THEN I WILL TURN IT OVER TO OUR-- FOR OUR INVOCATION, TO
17 PASTOR SAM MEZA, WHO IS WITH THE LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH,
18 MISSION HILLS. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY REX
19 SULLIVAN, WHO IS COMMANDER OF THE SUGAR RAY ROBINSON POST
20 NUMBER 209 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY HAS
21 JOINED WITH THE CITY AND THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
22 PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE THOUSANDS OF EVACUEES WHO
23 ARE SEEKING A SAFE HAVEN HERE IN CALIFORNIA, SO IF WE COULD
24 ALL PAUSE FOR A MOMENT IN REMEMBRANCE OF THESE VICTIMS AND
25 ACKNOWLEDGE THE THOUSANDS OF SURVIVORS AS WELL WHOSE LIVES



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1 HAVE NOW BEEN CHANGED FOREVER. AGAIN, WOULD YOU JOIN ME. WE'LL
2 ALL PLEASE STAND. [MOMENT OF SILENCE]

3

4 **PASTOR SAM MEZA:** DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS
5 DAY. HERE IN LOS ANGELES, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY BUT OUR HEARTS
6 GO OUT THIS AFTERNOON TO THE MANY, THE THOUSANDS OF MISPLACED,
7 DISPLACED PEOPLE, THE EVACUEES OF NEW ORLEANS, MISSISSIPPI,
8 AND MANY IN THE GULF STATES. FATHER, WE PRAY FOR YOUR MERCY,
9 WE PRAY THAT SOMEHOW YOU GIVE THEM A NEW RESOLVE OF VISION,
10 HOPE, FAITH THAT, LORD, THEY WILL HOLD ONTO THE PROMISE IN
11 YOUR WORD THAT SAYS, "WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR THE NIGHT BUT JOY
12 WILL COME IN THE MORNING." WE CALL ON YOUR NAME BECAUSE WE
13 TRUST YOUR WORD. WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR OUR SERVANTS TO THIS
14 GREAT CITY, OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS. WE PRAY YOUR WISDOM, YOUR
15 GUIDANCE. LORD, UNITY AND CREATIVITY TO GUIDE THEM IN THEIR
16 MULTIFACETED DECISION MAKING. LORD, WE PRAY, GOD, TODAY THAT
17 WE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AND HONOR YOU WITH OUR HEART, WITH
18 OUR MINDS, WITH ALL THAT WE ARE, ALL THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE.
19 WE PRAY FOR OUR MAYOR TODAY AND THE CITY COUNCIL, L.A.P.D.,
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE ASK, GOD, THAT SOME-- SOMEWHERE,
21 SOMEHOW, THAT THE DECISIONS THEY WILL MAKE IN THE FUTURE WILL
22 BE, LORD, IMAGINATIVE DECISIONS THAT WILL HELP ALL OF THE
23 ADHERENCE AND ALL OF THE, LORD, CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT CITY.
24 AND WE PRAY, GOD, THAT THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE IN THE
25 FUTURE WILL BECOME MODEL, A MODEL FOR MORAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE.



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1 WE COME AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF MURDER AND VIOLENCE, GANG-
2 RELATED MURDER AND VIOLENCE IN OUR CITY. WE PRAY FOR THE
3 HOMELESS PROBLEM, THAT SOMEHOW, GOD, YOU WILL TURN IT AROUND
4 AND MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WILL FIND SHELTER IN HOMES. WE ASK YOU,
5 GOD, LORD, TO GIVE US THE WISDOM, YOUR PEACE AND JOY TODAY.
6 BLESS THIS GATHERING, WE PRAY IN YOUR MOST MATCHLESS AND
7 PRECIOUS NAME AND WE ALL SAY TOGETHER, AMEN.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AMEN.

10

11 **REX SULLIVAN:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE. WILL YOU
12 PLEASE FACE FLAG AND JOIN ME IN PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE
13 OF ALLEGIANCE]

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE REX SULLIVAN.
18 HE'S BEEN HERE BEFORE. AND WE APPRECIATE HIM JOINING US. HE'S
19 FROM THE SUGAR RAY ROBINSON POST NUMBER 209 OF THE AMERICAN
20 LEGION. HE'S THE COMMANDER. AND HE WAS IN THE MILITARY FROM
21 '49 TO '52 AS A CORPORAL IN THE U.S. ARMY, 82ND AIRBORNE
22 DIVISION, KOREA AND PUSSON AND ICHON. HE HAS A BRONZE STAR
23 MEDAL, ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
24 MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO STARS, UNITED NATIONS
25 SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S RETIRED FROM THE MERCHANT MARINES, MARRIED



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1 AND HE HAS BEEN IN THE DISTRICT FOR 37 YEARS, EVEN THOUGH HE
2 CAME HERE FROM PHILADELPHIA.

3

4 **REX SULLIVAN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WERE
13 LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY A GOOD FRIEND, PASTOR
14 SAM MEZA, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE LIVING HOPE-- AT THE
15 LIVING HOME COMMUNITY CHURCH AND WAS SAVED FROM A LIFE OF
16 GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY IN NOVEMBER OF 1971. HE BEGAN TO WORK
17 ALONGSIDE HIS FATHER SHORTLY THEREAFTER AS A YOUTH DIRECTOR
18 AND HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN LEADING MANY YOUNG PEOPLE.
19 THIS HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH CREATIVE FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH
20 SERVICE, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT HE DOES IN OUR COMMUNITY IN
21 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. PASTOR MEZA RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION
22 FROM LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE IN THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
23 IN LOS ANGELES. HIS CHURCH IS KNOWN FOR DYNAMIC MINISTRIES IN
24 THE AREAS OF WORSHIP, COMMUNITY EVANGELISM, CARE, SMALL GROUPS
25 AND CREATIVE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES FOR ADULTS, YOUTH AND



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1 CHILDREN. AS A RESULT OF HIS SUCCESS IN MINISTRY, HE IS NOW
2 LEADING A NEWLY FORMED ENGLISH SPEAKING CHURCH SECTION OF THE
3 PACIFIC DISTRICT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD. PASTOR MEZA IS
4 QUICKLY RISING TO PROMINENCE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I
5 THINK I COULD SAY HE HAS RISEN TO PROMINENCE. HE IS ALSO
6 PROVING TO BE A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND VISION AND I WILL SAY
7 THAT HE HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNER WITH MANY OF US IN THE
8 COMMUNITY AND SOME OF THOSE COURAGEOUS LEADERS IN THE SAN
9 FERNANDO VALLEY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STEMMING THE TIDE OF
10 GANG VIOLENCE, SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, NOT
11 ONLY TO YOUR CHURCH BUT TO OUR COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THANK YOU,
12 PASTOR. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD, BEGINNING ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
25 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 5-H.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
3 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
6 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ITEM 1-P.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH
12 17, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS OR CHANGES. ON ITEM
13 NUMBER 2, IT WAS REVISED TO INCLUDE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON
14 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

17

18 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ON-- HOLD ITEM 13 FOR A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON ALL THE OTHER ITEMS, MOVED-- YOU
22 HAVE ANOTHER ONE?

23



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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND I HAVE SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTING
2 THAT ITEM 15 BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. THE REST ARE
3 BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON-- NOTING THOSE EXCEPTIONS,
6 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE.
7 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 18
10 THROUGH 24. I HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
11 HOLD ITEM 19. ON ITEM 21, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IS
12 REQUESTING THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. WE HAVE A
13 REQUEST TO HOLD ITEM 23 FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND, ON ITEM
14 24, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS VOTING "NO." THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOTING THOSE EXCEPTIONS, MOVED
17 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF
18 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 23, THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

19

20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND
21 MEASURES, ITEM 25.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
24 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 26.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 27.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CORONER, ITEM 28.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
14 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 29. WE HAVE A
17 REQUEST TO HOLD THIS ITEM BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

20

21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM 30, INTERNAL SERVICES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
24 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 31.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PROBATION, ITEM 32.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
9 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 33.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT
15 ITEM.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 34 THROUGH 50.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
21 SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SANITATION DISTRICTS, ITEM 51.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SHERIFF, ITEM 52 THROUGH 54.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 55.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
12 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 56
15 AND 57. ON ITEM 57, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE
16 SETTLEMENT AND CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK THE CORRECTIVE ACTION
17 PLAN ONLY BY COUNTY COUNSEL.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOTING THAT CHANGE ON ITEM NUMBER 57,
20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
21 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 58
24 AND 59. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ADDING TO THE COUNTY CODE
25 TO ITEM 13 PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE, TO AUTHORIZE THE



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1 SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES USED IN SPEED CONTESTS AND
2 EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED. ITEM 59, I'LL READ IT INTO THE RECORD
3 AND WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR A HOLD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
4 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 5
5 PERSONNEL TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER
6 BOTH THE FLEXIBLE BENEFIT AND MEGA FLEX PLANS, MODIFY THE
7 SHORT-TERM DISABILITY PLAN FOR MEGA FLEX EMPLOYEES TO INCREASE
8 THE CORE INCOME REPLACEMENT BENEFIT TO 70% AFTER A 14-DAY
9 WAITING PERIOD AND REDUCE THE EXISTING EIGHT S.T.D. OPTIONS TO
10 ONE ELECTIVE INCOME REPLACEMENT OPTION TO COMMENCE AFTER A 7-
11 DAY WAITING PERIOD CONSISTING OF A 21-DAY, 100% INCOME
12 REPLACEMENT AND AN 80% INCOME REPLACEMENT BENEFIT THEREAFTER,
13 AVAILABLE TO ALL MEGA FLEX EMPLOYEES AND COVERS INJURIES OR
14 CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NOT WORK-RELATED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN WE HOLD THAT FOR-- I WANT TO ASK SOME
17 QUESTIONS ON IT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT AND THAT IS BEING HELD FOR A
20 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 58, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 60.

25



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2 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 61, IS THE
5 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
8 ELECTION 2002 SERIES C IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
9 EXCEED \$18,598,306.30.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND 30 CENTS. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 62 AND 63. WE
16 WILL HOLD FOR HEARING. BUDGET MATTER, ITEM 64, WE HAVE A
17 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS MATTER.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

20

21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 65, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE
22 AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
23 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
24 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS REQUESTING THAT ITEMS 65-A, B, AND C BE



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1 HELD FOR A REPORT BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S OFFICE
2 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISOR BURKE WANTED TO BE
3 INCLUDED ON THE REQUEST TO HOLD ITEM 65-C.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THOSE ITEMS WILL BE HELD.

6

7 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 65-D.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
10 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 65-E.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
15 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ON 65-F, I HAVE A REQUEST FROM
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO CONTINUE THAT ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS AND
19 I ALSO HAVE A REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD FOR A MEMBER OF
20 THE PUBLIC.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM. ALL
23 RIGHT.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
2 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
8 YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE-- THIS WAY, RON. THE
11 PRIVILEGE AND THE PLEASURE, BUT IT'S NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT
12 PLEASURE, IN ASKING RON BERGMANN TO JOIN US TODAY FOR THIS
13 SPECIAL PRESENTATION, AS HE IS RETIRING-- HAS RETIRED AS THE
14 DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BUREAU IN THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
15 DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY CHIEF RON BERGMANN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN
16 THE MIDWEST, GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND
17 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. HE JOINED THE L.A.P.D.
18 IN 1973 AND SERVED ON MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS UNTIL DECEMBER
19 31ST, 2000, WHEN HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF IN CHARGE OF
20 POLICING SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AS THE
21 COMMANDING OFFICER OF OPERATIONS VALLEY BUREAU. IN 2001,
22 DEPUTY CHIEF RON BERGMANN WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEM OF
23 RISING GANG VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES, ESPECIALLY
24 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. IN RESPONSE, CHIEF BERGMANN SOUGHT
25 TO DEVELOP A NEW APPROACH, PARTNERING DEPARTMENT RESOURCES



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1 WITH OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, POLITICAL OFFICIALS,
2 COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESS LEADERS AND FORMED THE SAN
3 FERNANDO VALLEY COALITION ON GANGS IN DECEMBER OF 2001. THE
4 VALLEY COALITION ON GANGS IS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PARTNERSHIP
5 FOCUSED ON PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF GANG
6 ACTIVITY. THE IMPETUS FOR THE CREATION OF THE COALITION WAS TO
7 BRING GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER TO WORK TOWARDS THE
8 COMMON GOAL OF REDUCING GANG VIOLENCE. A PARTNERSHIP OF
9 COMMUNITY LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITIZENS, COMMUNITY-
10 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, PROBATION, SCHOOLS, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
11 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, THE
12 COALITION IS COMMITTED TO UTILIZING PREVENTION, INTERVENTION
13 AND SUPPRESSION STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE FEAR AND INCIDENCE OF
14 GANG CRIME AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGHOUT THE
15 COMMUNITY. UNDER RON'S LEADERSHIP, THE COALITION EMPLOYED
16 NONTRADITIONAL METHODS TO ADDRESS GANG VIOLENCE AND
17 MEMBERSHIP. THE COALITION PARTNERED WITH PREVENTION
18 INTERVENTION ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE A GREATER AND MORE
19 LASTING PEACE. THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY GANG CRIME RATE HAS
20 FALLEN AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS AND OTHERS BUT PRIMARILY
21 THIS EFFORT. THE GANG RATE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-- GANG
22 CRIME RATE HAS FALLEN 18% SINCE THE COALITION WAS FORMED.
23 AMONG THE COALITION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A PUBLISHED
24 STRATEGIC PLAN, THEY PUBLISHED A SAN FERNANDO RESOURCE GUIDE
25 AND STARTED RESOURCE MAPPING, ESTABLISHED MULTI-DISCIPLINARY



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1 TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY, HELD SEVERAL COMMUNITY EVENTS
2 AIMED AT KEEPING THE PIECE AND BRINGING THE COMMUNITY
3 TOGETHER, CREATED A COALITION WEBSITE, CREATED A TOLL-FREE
4 GANG HOTLINE NUMBER AND ISSUED PAMPHLETS TO PROMOTE IT,
5 ADVERTISED GANG RESOURCE LINES THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE
6 ANNOUNCEMENTS, BILLBOARDS AND BUS BENCHES. THE SAN FERNANDO
7 COALITION ON GANGS DEFINITELY SERVES AS A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND IS AN
9 EXAMPLE OF SUCCESS IN PARTNERING COMMUNITY RESOURCES WITH
10 GOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES. IT CERTAINLY HAS SERVED AS A MODEL FOR
11 THE REST OF THE COUNTY'S ANTI-GANG VIOLENCE REGIONAL TEAMS AND
12 JUST RECENTLY RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION BY WINNING THE
13 I.T.T. NIGHT VISION COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD. I WANTED TO TAKE
14 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY COMMEND DEPUTY CHIEF RON BERGMANN
15 FOR HIS 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO THE
16 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND HIS EFFORTS TO REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE
17 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BUT I ALSO WANTED TO THANK HIM FOR
18 HIS FRIENDSHIP, FOR BEING THE KIND OF LEADER THAT, EVEN AT 32
19 YEARS OF SERVICE, WAS A MAN WHO THOUGHT OUTSIDE THE BOX, WAS
20 WILLING TO TAKE CHANCES, WAS WILLING TO DO THINGS THAT HAD
21 NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE AND TAKE THE RISKS THAT MOST
22 BUREAUCRATS DON'T LIKE TO TAKE, MOST PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO
23 TAKE. BECAUSE, IF YOU TAKE A RISK, ONE OF TWO THINGS CAN
24 HAPPEN: EITHER YOU SUCCEED OR YOU FAIL AND PEOPLE PREFER NOT
25 TO TAKE THE RISK OF FAILURE. BUT THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE BOOK ON



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1 CHIEF BERGMANN. HE, UNTIL HIS LAST DAY AS A DEPUTY CHIEF IN
2 THE L.A.P.D., WAS AT THE CUTTING EDGE, PUSHING THE ENVELOPE,
3 TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN REDUCING CRIME, REDUCING GANG
4 VIOLENCE, AND REDUCING THE GREAT TRAGEDIES AND SADNESS THAT
5 HAS BEFALLEN SO MANY OF THE FAMILIES IN THE VALLEY AND
6 ELSEWHERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, RON, I THINK THIS IS A-- THE
7 OLD CLICHE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE MISSED I THINK APPLIES IN
8 CAPITAL LETTERS TO YOU. YOU WILL BE MISSED. AND I THINK THE
9 LEGACY YOU LEAVE IS NOT ONLY THE REDUCTION IN GANG VIOLENCE
10 THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE VALLEY BUT THE LEGACY YOU
11 LEAVE IS FOR THE WAY YOUR SUCCESSOR AND SUCCESSORS IN ALL LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT HOPEFULLY WILL
13 CARRY ON THEIR JOBS, ALWAYS PUSHING THE ENVELOPE, ALWAYS
14 WILLING TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, BECAUSE THE REWARDS FAR
15 OUTWEIGH THE RISKS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT
16 THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO US. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **RONALD W. BERGMANN:** I'VE NEVER PASSED UP A MICROPHONE, SO I'LL
19 TAKE YOU UP ON THAT. I'M REALLY THRILLED THAT THE COALITION
20 DID RECEIVE THAT I.A.C.P., THAT'S THE INTERNATIONAL
21 ASSOCIATION CHIEF OF POLICE COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD. IT'S A
22 LONG TIME COMING AND IT'S NOT REALLY MY AWARD, IT'S THE AWARD
23 THAT WAS PRESENTED TO WHAT THE COALITION MEANS IN THE SAN
24 FERNANDO VALLEY AND THAT COALITION HAS INCLUDED SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE, HE DONATED SOME MONEY A COUPLE OF YEARS



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1 AGO TO GET CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE WORKING WITH US. WE HAVE MADE
2 A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THE FIRST YEAR WE
3 HAD OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM PROGRAM GOING, WHERE YOUNG
4 PEOPLE ARE CALLED IN TO POLICE STATIONS TO SIT IN FRONT OF
5 COUNSELORS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO STRAIGHTEN OUT
6 THEIR LIVES. AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING THAT'S REALLY
7 OUTSIDE THE BOX IS I REQUIRED MY GANG HOMICIDE DETECTIVES TO
8 CALL OUR HARD CORE INTERVENTIONIST IN THE VALLEY, BLINKY
9 RODRIGUEZ, AND NOTIFY HIM ON EVERY GANG HOMICIDE SO THAT THEY
10 COULD ROLL OUT AND WORK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH POLICE
11 OFFICERS TO TRY TO CUT THE RETALIATION. IT WORKED. THE FIRST
12 YEAR, OUR GANG HOMICIDES WENT DOWN 48%. AND SO THIS IS NICE
13 THAT I'M HERE AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE RECOGNITION
14 BUT THE GANG THING IS REALLY THE COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER
15 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PROSECUTORS, PROBATION AND THE POLITICAL
16 ESTABLISHMENT TO REALLY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE SAN
17 FERNANDO VALLEY. SO I THANK YOU FOR THE RECOGNITION, I THANK
18 YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. [
19 APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AT
2 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH, OUR
3 DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. AS WE
4 ALL KNOW, FOUR YEARS AGO, THE UNITED STATES WAS SAVAGELY
5 ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING AND THE TERRORISTS FROM AROUND THE
6 WORLD SHOOK US IN THAT VERY EARLY MORNING ROUTINE HERE IN LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY, VIOLENTLY AND INDISCRIMINATELY KILLED
8 THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT VICTIMS. WE WILL NEVER FORGET THAT
9 MORNING OR THE FACES OF THOSE WE LOST, OUR LOVED ONES, OUR
10 FRIENDS, OUR COLLEAGUES, OUR FELLOW CITIZENS. AND IT'S ALMOST
11 LIKE RELIVING THAT NIGHTMARE AS WE DEAL WITH KATRINA AS WELL,
12 TOO. SEPTEMBER 11TH REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S RESOLVE TO RISE TO
13 EVERY CHALLENGE AND BEAR EVERY BURDEN IN THE DEFENSE OF
14 LIBERTY. MEN AND WOMEN OF INCREDIBLE COURAGE AND SELFLESSNESS
15 RISKED AND GAVE THEIR LIVES IN COUNTLESS ACTS OF HEROISM AT
16 THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, THE PENTAGON, AND IN THE CABIN OF
17 UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93. OUR NATION'S VETERANS PASSED THE
18 TORCH OF FREEDOM ONTO THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED
19 FORCES NOW SERVING IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN AND AROUND THE GLOBE.
20 TODAY, SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN, MARINES AND COAST GUARDSMAN
21 RESOLUTELY HOLD HIGH THAT TORCH AND ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE
22 WAR ON TERROR, IN THE SKIES AND ON THE OCEANS, WHEREVER PEACE
23 CRIES OUT FOR A CHAMPION, THEY DEDICATE THEIR SERVICE TO THAT
24 DEFINING DAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO
25 PRESENT TO COLONEL SMITH AS HE COMMENTS AND WORKS WITH OUR



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1 VETERANS AND THOSE THAT ARE OUT THERE ON THE FOREFRONT TODAY
2 IN HONOR OF PATRIOT DAY AND SO COLONEL SMITH, HERE HE IS. [
3 APPLAUSE]

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5 **COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH:** PATRIOT DAY, LIKE PEARL HARBOR DAY, IS A
6 REMEMBRANCE OF PREPAREDNESS. AND, AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED,
7 IT ALSO APPLIES TO HURRICANE KATRINA. PREPAREDNESS, REGARDLESS
8 OF WHETHER IT IS A THREAT FROM ABROAD, A THREAT FROM WITHIN,
9 OR A NATIONAL DISASTER, TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS, PROTECT OUR
10 FAMILIES, WE'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED. HAVING THE MILITARY
11 PREPARED IS, OF COURSE, A LARGE PART OF IT BUT, NEVERTHELESS,
12 THOSE ASSETS ARE AVAILABLE AND ARE IN ACTION TODAY IN
13 LOUISIANA, IN MISSISSIPPI AND ALONG THE GULF COAST. SO,
14 CONSEQUENTLY, I URGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS TO BE
15 PREPARED MILITARILY, SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS TO BE PREPARED IN
16 TERMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND INDIVIDUALLY, EACH ONE OF US,
17 TAKE THOSE STEPS SO THAT WE AND OUR FAMILIES ARE PREPARED WHEN
18 DANGER STRIKES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, TODAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE
21 BEGINNINGS OF OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS 234 YEARS
22 AGO WITH OUR FIRST COMMUNITY THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN SAN
23 GABRIEL AT THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION. AND WITH US TODAY FROM THE
24 CITY OF SAN GABRIEL IS MAYOR JULI COSTANZO, OUR VICE-MAYOR,
25 CHI MUI, COUNCIL MEMBERS HARRY BALDWIN, DAVID GUTIERREZ, AND



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1 KEVIN SOTKINS, ALONG WITH THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION, WE HAVE
2 AUGUST MARCHUSKA AND THE 2005/2006 FIESTA ROYAL COURT WITH
3 QUEEN JOANNA MARTINEZ, PRINCESS PAMELA RAMIREZ AND PRINCESS
4 SARA GARRETT AND FROM THE LOS POBLADORES IS PRESIDENT PAUL
5 GUZMAN AND DEBORAH RODARTE, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF MY STAFF.
6 THEY ARE HERE TODAY AS WE PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2ND
7 THROUGH THE 9TH, 2005 AS THE 234TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTY
8 OF LOS ANGELES' OLDEST SETTLEMENT, THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION AND
9 SALUTE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FOUNDING FAMILIES, THE LOS
10 POBLADORES 200. THE MISSION WAS ESTABLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 8TH,
11 1771, BY THE NATIVE SHOSHONE PEOPLE AND THE FRANCISCANS AS THE
12 AGRICULTURAL, CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL CENTER OF LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY TO BE. 10 YEARS LATER, ANOTHER LITTLE COMMUNITY WAS
14 ESTABLISHED, WHICH LATER DEVELOPED INTO OUR COUNTY'S FIRST
15 CITY AND THAT'S THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS
16 INCORPORATED IN 1850 AFTER CALIFORNIA BECAME A STATE AND THE
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS CREATED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
18 AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, EACH YEAR, THE DESCENDANTS WALKED
19 THAT NINE MILE FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION TO OLVERA STREET
20 AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING NOT IN THE WALK BUT
21 IN THE CEREMONIES. THERE, THEY FOUNDED THE EL PUEBLO DES
22 NUESTRA, LA RIENNA DES LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF OUR LADY QUEEN
23 OF THE ANGELS. THIS PAST SUNDAY, AS I SAID, THEY REENACT THAT
24 MARCH AND, IN FACT, THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES EVEN WALKED WITH
25 THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL ON THAT NINE MILE VOYAGE. SO, ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION
2 ONCE AGAIN TO THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL AND WE HAVE ONE FOR THE
3 LOS POBLADORES AND ONE FOR THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION. SO, JULI.
4 OKAY. FIRST ASK DAVID GUZMAN TO SAY A WORD, THEN WE'LL HAVE
5 THE MAYOR FROM THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL AND THEN THE
6 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION, WHICH IS STILL A
7 PRACTICING CHURCH TODAY AND COMMUNITY CENTER.

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9 **DAVID GUZMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE
10 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE THANK YOU AND WE
11 APPRECIATE THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND, ON BEHALF OF
12 OVER 10,000 DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE CITY OF
13 LOS ANGELES, WE THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **JULI COSTANZO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON BEHALF OF
16 MY COLLEAGUES, VICE MAYOR CHI MUI, DAVE GUTIERREZ, HARRY
17 BALDWIN AND KEVIN SOCKINS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
18 GENEROSITY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN SUPPORTING OUR ANNUAL WALK
19 TO LOS ANGELES. I'M A LITTLE SORE TODAY, THE CALVES ARE
20 HURTING FROM THE NINE MILES, BUT IT'S ALWAYS SUCH A GREAT
21 EVENT AND IT KEEPS GROWING EACH YEAR. AND, NEXT YEAR, I HOPE
22 ALL OF YOU, INCLUDING ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS, WILL JOIN US TO
23 THE 225TH BIRTHDAY OF LOS ANGELES. SO WE HOPE TO SEE YOU OUT
24 THERE AT 6:00 IN THE MORNING, SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU
25 ARE A REMARKABLE INDIVIDUAL AND, FROM ALL THE CITIZENS IN SAN



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1 GABRIEL, WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND YOUR
2 COMMITMENT TO OUR CITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON BEHALF OF OUR
5 PASTOR, FATHER RALPH BERG, AND ALL THE CLERICIAN FATHERS AT
6 THE AT THE MISSION, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE JUST
7 COMPLETED OUR FIESTA DAYS CELEBRATION THIS PAST WEEKEND. WE
8 HOSTED OVER 20,000 PEOPLE AND WE HAD A GREAT CELEBRATION. SO
9 THIS IS A GREAT REMINDER OF OUR HISTORY AND WE CONTINUE TO BE
10 REALLY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.
11 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S DO A PICTURE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE'D NOW LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE
16 ARCADIA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
17 REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK WITH
18 TRANSITION AGED YOUTH. THESE TWO AGENCIES ARE A CO-LOCATED
19 PROGRAM RECENTLY AWARDED THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
20 LABOR'S RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD, THE PRESTIGIOUS HONOR
21 RECOGNIZES STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT DEMONSTRATE
22 INNOVATION, COLLABORATION AND QUALITY PERFORMANCE. WE HAVE
23 SEVERAL GUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PRESENTATION.
24 REPRESENTING THE ARCADIA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, WE HAVE GLEN
25 HONG, TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH COORDINATOR AND MARIELLA VEGA,



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1 MEDICAL CASEWORKER. REPRESENTING THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
2 R.O.P. IS KIM CASE AND MARTIN BARAKIN, VOCATIONAL REHAB
3 SPECIALISTS. ARCADIA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER HAS WORKED
4 COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY R.O.P. TO
5 ASSIST TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH IN OVERCOMING MENTAL HEALTH
6 BARRIERS TO WORK AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION. THE MENTAL HEALTH
7 ASPECTS INVOLVE IDENTIFYING QUALITIES AND TRAITS OF EACH
8 INDIVIDUAL, PROVIDING SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND TAKING ON THE
9 MANY ROLES NEEDED TO SERVE THE YOUTH, INCLUDING THERAPISTS,
10 CASE MANAGER, FRIEND AND MENTOR. THE GOAL OF THIS EFFORT IS TO
11 PREPARE THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR LIFE BY
12 HELPING THEM TO OBTAIN A VOCATIONAL DEGREE AND GAIN
13 EMPLOYMENT. SO TO THE ARCADIA MENTAL HEALTH, CONGRATULATIONS.
14 [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO THE EAST SAN GABRIEL R.O.P. [APPLAUSE
17]

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19 **SPEAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH AND TO TELL YOU HOW GRATIFYING IT IS TO SEE LIVES
21 CHANGE AS, THROUGH THE COUNSELING SERVICES, STUDENTS ARE ABLE
22 TO COMPLETE THEIR COURSE WORK, WHICH WAS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE
23 PRIOR TO THESE SERVICES BEING OFFERED, AND THEN, AS THEY'RE
24 PLACED OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, TO SEE THEM BEING SUCCESSFUL AS
25 THEY CONTINUE THEIR TRAINING AND OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH FROM THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD.

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5 **DR. MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR
6 RECOGNIZING THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE I THINK IT REALLY HELPS
7 ILLUSTRATE ONE OF THE STRENGTHS THAT WE HAVE HERE IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY IN WHICH WE HAVE DEDICATED COUNTY STAFF WORKING
9 HAND IN HAND WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO MAKE SURE OUR KIDS
10 HAVE BETTER LIVES. AND SO THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THOSE
11 TIMES IN WHICH WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO HAVE JOBS, DO FOR
12 THEMSELVES AND HAVE RICH, FULL LIVES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO
16 OUTSTANDING ATHLETES WHO HAVE ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS THROUGH
17 OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.A. FOUNDERS WRESTLING PROGRAM AT
18 FARNSWORTH PARK IN ALTADENA. TO HELP WITH THIS PRESENTATION,
19 WE HAVE JEFF ARANO, WHO IS THE PARK SUPERVISOR AND RICHARD
20 GARY, WHO IS THE RECREATIONAL LEADER. OUR FIRST HONOREE IS
21 CAMILO GONZALEZ RAMIREZ. HE WENT 8-AND-0 AT THE CALIFORNIA
22 OPEN STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT, WEIGHING 137 POUNDS AND
23 COMPETING IN THE 145-POUND DIVISION. NOT ONE OF HIS OPPONENTS
24 SCORED A POINT ON CAMILO DURING THAT TOURNAMENT. HE WON FIRST
25 PLACE IN THE GRECO-ROMAN CATEGORY, MAKING HIM THE BEST IN



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1 CALIFORNIA. HE'S ALSO IN THE TOP 10 OF THE UNITED STATES AND
2 COULD BE A CONTENDER FOR THE 2008 OLYMPICS IN BEIJING, CHINA.
3 11-YEAR-OLD ELIJAH NIHIPALI IS THE PROGRAM'S NEWEST WRESTLER,
4 JOINING THE FOUNDER JANUARY THIS PAST YEAR. HE PLACED SEVENTH
5 AT THE CALIFORNIA KIDS' COMPETITION AND QUALIFIED FOR THE TEAM
6 TO REPRESENT OUR STATE. HE THEN WENT ON TO PLACE THIRD IN THE
7 WESTERN STATES REGIONAL GRECO-ROMAN AND SEVENTH IN FREESTYLE,
8 WHICH WAS VERY GOOD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN COMPETING
9 FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR. SO WE CONGRATULATE BOTH OF YOU,
10 CAMILO. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO TO ELIJAH. CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB. [
13 APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL
16 PRESENTATION TO JEFF, WHO IS THE PARK SUPERVISOR, WHO HAS BEEN
17 THE FOUNDER WITH THIS TEAM SINCE ITS INCEPTION 14 YEARS AGO.
18 HE HELPED MANY YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, DATING BACK
19 TO THE LATE '80S WITH HIS WRESTLING TEAM IN THE COMPTON AREA.
20 HE'S A TRUE GIVER WHO PROVIDES GUIDANCE AND FRIENDSHIP TO
21 THOSE AROUND HIM AND IS GREATLY RESPECTED BY THE WRESTLERS AND
22 THE COMMUNITY. ALTADENA IS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE JEFF AT ONE OF
23 OUR FINE PARKS AND WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP IN HELPING OUR
24 YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME THE PRODUCTIVE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.
25 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **CAMILO GONZALEZ RAMIREZ:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 5 FOR THE PARKS AND
4 RECREATION, WHICH I'VE BEEN A PART OF SINCE I WAS A LITTLE
5 KID, IT'S BEEN 14 YEARS AND NOW I'M A EMPLOYEE FOR THEM AND I
6 LOVE IT. BECAUSE OF THEM, RICHARD IGUERA AND MR. JEFF ARANO,
7 WHO HAVE BEEN MY ROLE MODELS, I STAYED OUT OF THE STREETS AND
8 I'M A COLLEGE GRADUATE NOW AND I PLAN TO DO GOOD THINGS WITH
9 THEIR CREATION, SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **ELIJAH NIHIPALI:** I THANK RICHARD FOR HELPING ME EVERY TUESDAY
12 AND THURSDAY AND CAMILO AND MY MOM FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE AT
13 TOURNAMENTS AND MY DAD TRYING TO CATCH... [LAUGHTER]

14

15 **ELIJAH NIHIPALI:** ...TRYING TO CATCH SOME OF THE TOURNAMENTS.
16 YEAH. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RUSS GUINEY, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
19 RECREATION.

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21 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF ELIJAH
22 AND CAMILO. THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB. THEY'RE DEDICATED,
23 THEY WORK VERY HARD. THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS PLACE
24 IF THEY DIDN'T BUT THEY'RE ALSO SETTING A TREMENDOUS ROLE
25 EXAMPLE FOR THEIR PEERS OUT THERE. IT'S A HARD WORLD FOR YOUNG



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1 PEOPLE TO GROW UP IN IN THESE DAYS AND THIS IS REALLY GREAT
2 FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND WE CONGRATULATE THEM AND I ALSO WANT TO
3 CONGRATULATE THEIR COACH, RICHARD AGUIRRE AND JEFF FOR THE
4 FINE JOB THEY DO IN MAKING THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE
5 YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JEFF, YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? COACH?

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9 **JEFF:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK AGAIN THE COUNTY
10 SUPERVISOR, ESPECIALLY OUR FOURTH DISTRICT-- OR, IN MY
11 PARTICULAR CASE, THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT
12 BECAUSE-- AND ALSO THE SUPPORT OF JOHN WICKER BEHIND ME HERE
13 AND RUSS GUINEA BECAUSE, WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT, THIS WOULD NOT
14 HAVE HAPPENED. I'M PROBABLY ONE OF THE OLD TIMERS, I'VE BEEN
15 PROBABLY IN THE BUSINESS FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS. AND THE GOOD PART
16 ABOUT IT IS THAT, IN MY PARTICULAR CASE, WE'VE SEEN RECREATION
17 GROW AND, OF COURSE, RECREATION IS NOW IN A BIG MOVE RIGHT NOW
18 AND THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT IT'S DONE A GREAT THING
19 FOR OUR KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE HOPE TO KEEP THIS GOING.
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RICHARD. WE WERE AT THE PARK, WHAT, ABOUT
23 FOUR WEEKS AGO, RICHARD SAID WE'VE GOT TWO GREAT PEOPLE THAT
24 OUGHT TO BE RECOGNIZED, THESE TWO YOUNG WRESTLERS IN THIS
25 GREAT PROGRAM THAT'S PROVIDED A GREAT SERVICE AND A LOT OF



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1 PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE OF IT AND I SAID, OKAY, WE WOULD ARRANGE
2 IT AND WE DID AND SO, RICHARD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT
3 LEADERSHIP OF THE PARK AS WELL.

4

5 **RICHARD:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO JUST SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD
6 OF SUPERVISORS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND ESPECIALLY TO JEFF
7 ANARENA WHO, BY CHANCE, BROUGHT ME INTO THE PARK 14 YEARS AGO
8 AND I'VE NEVER LEFT AND I'M SO HAPPY AND IT'S DONE SO MUCH FOR
9 CHILDREN AND KIDS, THIS WRESTLING SPORT, AND I JUST HOPE THAT
10 THE COUNTY WILL SUPPORT IT MORE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE
11] [APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LITTLE JERRY NOW, WHO IS A SHEPHERD MIX, HE
14 IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD. THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING AT HOME CAN CALL
15 (562) 728-4644 OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE AND THIS IS LITTLE
16 JERRY. AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO MAYBE HE'D LIKE TO BE A
17 CAMERA MAN. YOU NEED AN ASSISTANT. OKAY? HE'S A THINKER.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS AFTERNOON TO MAKE A
20 VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION. THIS IS A PRESENTATION TO A GOOD
21 FRIEND OF ALL OF US WHO WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH AT THE M.T.A.
22 AND THAT'S JIM DE LA LOZA. HE HAS SERVED AS A CHIEF PLANNING
23 OFFICER FOR THE M.T.A. AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR ALL OF
24 THE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE THAT HE HAS PROVIDED. JIM JOINED
25 THE M.T.A. IN 1991 AND, AT THAT TIME, WHICH WAS-- IT WAS KNOWN



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1 AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. HE STARTED
2 OUT AS A SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER AND JIM WORKED ON THE PLANS
3 FOR THE LIGHT RAIL AREA AND THE EXPOSITION QUARTER AND SERVED
4 AS A PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTRAL AREA. IN 1996, JIM WAS
5 PROMOTED TO THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OVERSEE COUNTYWIDE
6 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED IMAGINATION AND
7 VISION FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY
8 AND SUCCESSFUL SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM TRANSPORTATION PLANS
9 WERE DEVELOPED UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. JIM WAS ALSO SUCCESSFUL
10 WHO LED THE PLANNING AND THE DEVELOPMENT WORK FOR MAJOR
11 INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR GOODS MOVEMENT, THE
12 LOS ANGELES, THE PASADENA METRO GOLD LINE, THE DEBUT AND
13 EXPANSION OF THE METRO RAPID PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE EAST SIDE
14 GO LINE EXTENSION, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. HE
15 IMPLEMENTED THE FIRST REGIONAL TRANSIT PASS IN L.A. COUNTY,
16 THE METRO ORANGE LINE, AND NUMEROUS OTHER JOINT DEVELOPMENT
17 PROJECTS. AS HIS ROLE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JIM PROVIDED
18 DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP, HE FOSTERED TEAMWORK WITHIN THE
19 ORGANIZATION, HE ENCOURAGED INNOVATION AND CREATED AN
20 ATMOSPHERE OF OPEN AND THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION WITHIN THE
21 ORGANIZATION. SO, JIM, WE ARE GENERALLY PLEASED AND REALLY
22 ADMIRE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE PROVIDED US. YOU'VE BEEN A
23 REAL LEADER TO ALL OF US AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU. YOU'VE
24 INVITED YOUR FAMILY TO COME AND JOIN WITH US. WE WANT TO THANK
25 YOU SO VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK MS. BURKE TO COME UP AND



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1 JOIN US. SHE WANTED TO ALSO BE A PART OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION.

2 SUPERVISOR BURKE?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, MAYBE I SHOULD SAY FIRST, WE CERTAINLY WANT
5 TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND-- OVER THESE YEARS
6 THAT I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU, YOU'VE HAD SOME
7 CHALLENGES, TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS
8 SO MANY OF THEM TURNED OUT SO WELL AND WE'RE MOVING FORWARD.
9 CONGRATULATIONS. AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO LET ME MAKE THIS PRESENTATION.
12 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. IT REALLY IS AN HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU
13 ALL THESE YEARS. MS. BURKE, YOU WANT TO JOIN US ON THE OTHER
14 SIDE HERE? WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE, THEN WE'RE GOING TO
15 ASK JIM TO SAY A FEW WORDS. JIM, WOULD YOU SAY A FEW WORDS AND
16 INTRODUCE YOUR FAMILY.

17

18 **JIM DE LA LOZA:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL OF YOU. I'M
19 HERE WITH MY FAMILY, I THINK, AS SUPERVISOR SAID. MY MOTHER
20 AND FATHER, MY NIECE JACQUELINE, MY WIFE, MOLLY BACK HERE, AND
21 ANOTHER NIECE WITH A LITTLE BOY IN THE BACK WHO DOESN'T WANT
22 TO COME UP. BUT LET ME THANK ALL OF YOU. I THINK IT HAS BEEN
23 CERTAINLY A PLEASURE WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. I THINK I'VE
24 BEEN FORTUNATE TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE BEST, I THINK, BOARDS
25 THAT ANYONE CAN HOPE FOR. I THINK WE HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGES.



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1 WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT, I THINK, AS THE SUPERVISOR SAID. I
2 ESPECIALLY WANTED TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR. I THINK WE HAD SOME
3 REAL STRUGGLES WITH A NUMBER OF OUR PROJECTS, SOME FINANCIALLY
4 VERY CONSTRAINED TIMES. THE EAST SIDE PROJECT, SIX YEARS AGO,
5 HAD ABOUT \$30 MILLION IN THE BANK AND NOW IT'S BEING
6 CONSTRUCTED. A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER PROJECTS IN THE VALLEY
7 EAST WEST, I THINK, HAD EVEN LESS BUT I THINK IT SHOWS WHAT
8 CAN BE DONE I THINK IN THIS AREA. IT HAS BEEN 9-1/2 YEARS AS
9 HEAD OF PLANNING. I'VE ENJOYED IT. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO
10 THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH, KNABE AND ESPECIALLY YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THANK
12 YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JIM. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO ASK JUDGE
17 ROBERT DUKES TO JOIN ME THIS MORNING. GOOD MORNING TO YOU. AS
18 WELL AS-- HE'S FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFAIRS BOARD OF
19 DIRECTORS AS WELL AS OUR MARKETING DIRECTOR, SCOTT KELLY. THIS
20 WE'RE KICKING OFF THE 83RD ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR, AND
21 IT'S AMAZING THAT JUDGE DUKES, HIS BOARD AND ALL OF THE FAIR
22 HAVE PROVIDED UNBELIEVABLE LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEARS
23 BUT, IN PARTICULAR, THIS YEAR, THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN
24 RAISING MONEY FOR HURRICANE KATRINA AND THEY TELL ME THEY'RE
25 ALREADY AT \$93,000 AND THEY'RE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO A HUNDRED



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1 THOUSAND DOLLARS BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THAT IS SOMETHING WE
2 ALL SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF, SO WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF
3 THIS YEAR'S FAIR GOERS TO CONTINUE TO DONATE AT THE COUNTY
4 FAIR. WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT A CAUSE THIS IS. WELL, THE
5 FAIR THIS YEAR IS GOING TO PROVIDE 18 DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT,
6 EXHIBITS AND ATTRACTIONS THAT BEGIN THIS COMING FRIDAY AND
7 IT'S GOING TO OPERATE THROUGH OCTOBER THE 2ND. OUR FAIR IS THE
8 LARGEST IN NORTH AMERICA WITH MORE THAN 76 MILLION GUESTS THAT
9 HAVE ATTENDED THE FAIR SINCE 1922. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KEPT
10 TRACK OF IT ALL, JUDGE, BUT IT'S AMAZING. BEGINNING THIS YEAR,
11 WE'VE ADDED AN ADDITIONAL WEEK OF FESTIVITIES AND THE FAIR IS
12 GOING TO BE CLOSED THIS YEAR EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY SO WE
13 CAN GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF A BREATHER TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
14 THERE EVERY SINGLE DAY AND MAKING IT WORK AND FUNCTION. AND,
15 OF COURSE, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT, AS WE DO EVERY YEAR, ALL
16 CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE ARE ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE.
17 AND, OF COURSE, THE COUNTY ALWAYS ENJOYS A DAY AT THE FAIR
18 AND, THIS YEAR, OUR L.A. COUNTY FAIR DAY IS GOING TO BE
19 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 11TH, SHOWCASED BY A PARADE AT NOON. SO
20 HOPEFULLY EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY WILL COME OUT AND
21 PARTICIPATE. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT OUR FAIR DOES,
22 NOT ONLY IN PROVIDING THE KIND OF EXHIBITS AND ENTERTAINMENT
23 THAT WE HAVE WHEN YOU ENJOY THE FAIR BUT, IN PARTICULAR, THE
24 KIND OF CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY MAKE TO THE WELLBEING OF THE
25 ENTIRE COUNTY. SO, AGAIN, JUDGE, AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU



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1 AND TO ALL OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR
2 THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO EVERY SINGLE YEAR. THANK
3 YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JUDGE?

6

7 **JUDGE ROBERT DUKES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WHILE I'M
8 SPEAKING, SCOTT KELLY HAS SOME BAGS, SOME GIFTS TO GIVE TO THE
9 SUPERVISORS. THERE'S A REQUEST THAT YOU NOT PLAY WITH THE
10 FRISBEES UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING, HOWEVER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
11 IS CORRECT, WE HAVE RAISED THUS FAR CLOSE TO A HUNDRED
12 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE VICTIMS OF KATRINA. WE'RE VERY PROUD
13 OF THAT. MOSTLY, THOUGH, WE'RE PROUD OF THE CITIZENS IN OUR
14 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ASSISTED US IN THAT EFFORT.
15 ALSO, WE DO WANT TO TURN THE TABLES ON THE COUNTY. RATHER THAN
16 THE COUNTY HONORING US, WE WANT TO HONOR THE COUNTY THIS
17 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH. IT WILL BE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DAY. THE
18 THEME IS "I LOVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY." OVER 30 OF THE
19 DEPARTMENTS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE REPRESENTED,
20 GIVING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND INFORMATION TO THE RESIDENTS
21 TO SHOW THE SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES AND WE WILL HAVE
22 THE LARGEST PARADE AT THE FAIR ON THAT DAY. SO WE INVITE ALL
23 OF YOU TO COME OUT AND SEE WHAT THE COUNTY DOES PROVIDE TO ITS
24 CITIZENS. AND, FINALLY, LET US NOT FORGET THE MISSION OF THE
25 FAIR REALLY IS EDUCATION. WE'RE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT OVER A



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1 HUNDRED THOUSAND STUDENTS, THROUGH OUR EDUCATION FOUNDATION,
2 ARE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FAIR ON FIELD TRIPS THAT ARE CURRICULUM
3 APPROPRIATE TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION AND THE
4 HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE
5 AGRICULTURAL BACKBONE THAT BUILT UP THIS COUNTY OVER THE
6 YEARS. SO WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO JOIN US TO THE WORLD'S
7 LARGEST CARNIVAL, LARGEST PARADE ON SUNDAY. IT IS THE SHOPPING
8 PLACE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND WE INVITE YOU ALL TO COME OUT
9 AND HAVE A GOOD TIME AND JOIN IN SOME EDUCATION CLEVERLY
10 DISGUISED AS FUN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, JUDGE. WE APPRECIATE
13 IT. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, FOR THIS PRESENTATION, THIS IS THE
16 ANNUAL PRESENTATION THAT IS MADE TO GIVE OUR GRATITUDE AND OUR
17 THANKS BECAUSE WE HAVE ONE OF THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE CHARITABLE
18 GIVING CAMPAIGNS THAT GO ON THROUGH L.A. COUNTY. SO, THIS
19 YEAR, WE RAISED MORE THAN \$1.6 MILLION. ALL OF IT WAS DONE
20 THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISERS
21 THAT WERE CARRIED OUT BY ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THE
22 MONEY IS DISTRIBUTED TO OUR FIVE CAMPAIGN PARTNERS WHO ARE
23 REPRESENTED HERE TODAY AND I'M GOING TO HAVE THEM COME UP IN A
24 MINUTE. WE HAVE ELISE BUICK, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE
25 UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. SHERRICE BREHMMAN,



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1 WHO IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE; ELLEN
2 MUSAWA, WHO IS THE MANAGER OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE FOR
3 THE ASIAN/PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND; PAT SMITH, WHO IS THE
4 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EARTH SHARE OF CALIFORNIA; AND LOU
5 CALANCHE, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED LATINO
6 FUND. ALL OF THESE FUNDS WILL BE RECEIVING DOLLARS, IT WILL BE
7 IMPLEMENTED AND PROVIDED TO ALL OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS. I'M
8 GOING TO ASK DAVID JANSSEN TO JOIN ME UP HERE BECAUSE WE WANT
9 TO GIVE SOME COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO
10 ARE RESPONSIBLE, THE LEADERSHIP THAT THEY PROVIDED IS AMAZING.
11 EVERY TIME THIS-- AWARDS ARE MADE AS TO HOW EFFECTIVE OUR
12 EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENT WORK AND HOW THEY
13 CHALLENGE EACH OTHER IN RAISING THE KINDS OF DOLLARS THAT THEY
14 DO. BUT I THINK THAT ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY ON THE BOARD ARE
15 VERY PROUD OF THOSE EFFORTS AND LET ME TURN IT OVER TO DAVID
16 JANSSEN TO SHARE A FEW WORDS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE THE
17 LARGEST WINNER THIS YEAR BUT LET'S SEE HOW YOU DID AMONGST ALL
18 OF THEM.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND IF I COULD ASK THE
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE F.D.A.S TO COME UP. KEITH GREEN IS HERE
22 FOR ELISE, UNITED WAY. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE RAISED THE
23 MONEY FOR, THE FIVE AGENCIES, THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT PARTNERS
24 TO THE EFFORT. AND IF WE COULD JUST GET A PICTURE, SUPERVISOR,
25 WITH YOU AND ME AND THE FIVE OF THEM.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO I'LL GET IN HERE. WE CAN DO
3 THIS FIRST.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO INTO THE AWARDS, THEN.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DAVID, YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME WITH THESE
8 AWARDS? LET'S BEGIN WITH-- FIRST, WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THEY WERE THE
10 TOP CASH DONATION AWARD. YAY! CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. ANOTHER TOP CASH DONATION
13 AWARD GOES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, CARLOS AND
14 HIS TEAM. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BY DEPARTMENT SIZE. OKAY, WELL, THE C.A.O.
17 WAS ALSO JOINED IN THE TOP CASH DONATION AWARD, SO WHO WAS IN
18 CHARGE OF YOUR DEPARTMENT? THEY DID ALL THE WORK.
19 CONGRATULATIONS.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEY DID ALL THE WORK. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND, FINALLY, THE SMALL
24 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. CONGRATULATIONS! GOOD JOB! NOW



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1 THIS IS THE HIGHEST PAYROLL DEDUCTION AWARD, AGAIN GOES TO
2 PUBLIC WORKS. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND RUSS, I GUESS THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
5 AND RECREATION ALSO DESERVES RECOGNITION FOR AN OUTSTANDING
6 JOB ON PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE WAS ALSO ONE OF
9 THE LEADERS IN PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. AND THEN THE FINAL ONE FOR
10 THE HIGHEST PAYROLL DEDUCTION GOES TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS
11 COMMISSION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN
14 PRESENTED UP HERE HAVE IDENTIFIED A COORDINATOR THAT DID AN
15 OUTSTANDING JOB AND REALLY GOING TO ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES AND
16 PUTTING TOGETHER THE WHOLE CAMPAIGN. WE BEGIN WITH GIVING AN
17 OUTSTANDING COORDINATOR AWARD TO DIANA FONSECA FROM THE PUBLIC
18 SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. CONGRATULATIONS, DIANA. [CHEERS
19 AND APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JOINING HER FROM LACERA, WE HAVE MIKE
22 ROMERO. MIKE? [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. ALSO RECEIVING AN
25 OUTSTANDING COORDINATOR AWARD IS JACKIE SLONAKER. SHE IS WITH



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1 THE OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND COMPLIANCE.

2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND, FINALLY, OUR OUTSTANDING COORDINATOR
5 AS WELL GOES TO CONNIE CHUNG, WHO IS FROM REGIONAL PLANNING.

6 CONGRATULATIONS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT COMPLETES ALL OF
9 OUR PRESENTATIONS. WOULD YOU ALL JOIN ME IN GIVING ALL OF OUR
10 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO DID JUST AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

11 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THEM. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DOES THAT COMPLETE ALL OF THE
14 PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING? I'VE ASKED ALL OF THE MOTIONS THAT
15 CAME IN WITH REGARD TO HURRICANE KATRINA AND DEALING WITH THE
16 EVACUATION SITUATION TO BE CALLED UP TOGETHER. YESTERDAY, OUR-
17 - WE PUT TOGETHER A TASK FORCE THAT WAS HEADED UP BY OUR
18 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, AS WELL AS DAVID JANSSEN AND
19 VARIOUS MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF WHO HAVE PUT TOGETHER A VERY
20 EFFECTIVE COORDINATED PLAN. I'M GOING TO ASK AT THIS TIME FOR
21 DAVID JANSSEN, IF HE WOULD TAKE US THROUGH THE VARIOUS STEPS
22 OF THAT PLAN AND THE PREPARATION OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING
23 TO ACCOMMODATE THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF EVACUEES THAT L.A.
24 COUNTY MAY RECEIVE. SO, DAVID, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO
25 YOU FOR THAT REPORT.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IF I COULD
3 ASK CONSTANCE, COME OVER TO THE CENTER TABLE. SHE'S PRINCIPAL
4 COUNTY COORDINATOR ON THIS EFFORT. THE RED CROSS HAS INDICATED
5 THAT IT IS LAUNCHING THE LARGEST MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES IN
6 ITS HISTORY FOR A SINGLE DISASTER. AND WE LEARN EVERY DAY THE
7 EXTENT OF THIS CATASTROPHE THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE GULF STATES.
8 AND, OVER THE WEEKEND, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS CONTACTED
9 THE STATE GOVERNORS IN THE UNITED STATES LOOKING FOR
10 PLACEMENTS FOR MANY OF THE EVACUEES AND WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT
11 THIS IS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR PERMANENT PLACEMENTS, PEOPLE THAT
12 MAY NOT RETURN TO THE AREA OF THE DISASTER, WHICH IS QUITE
13 UNLIKE I THINK ANY OTHER NATURAL DISASTER THAT WE'VE FACED
14 BEFORE IN THIS COUNTRY. SO IT IS A SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKING
15 AND, AS YOU INDICATED, MADAM CHAIR, YOU AND THE MAYOR
16 YESTERDAY CALLED TOGETHER BOTH CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WE
17 SPENT 2-1/2 HOURS ESTABLISHING A PLAN AND A PROGRAM FOR LOS
18 ANGELES AND THE COUNTY, THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND TO INCLUDE
19 THE 87 OTHER CITIES BECAUSE THERE ARE 88 JURISDICTIONS IN THE
20 REGION, TO DEAL WITH WHAT WE THINK IS A MINIMUM OF 2,000
21 PEOPLE TO THE REGION AND I'M GOING TO ASK CONSTANCE, WHO IS
22 OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR AND CALIFORNIA DOES AN
23 EXCEPTIONAL JOB WHEN IT COMES TO EMERGENCY SERVICES
24 COORDINATION, MUTUAL AID, IN PART BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY
25 NATURAL DISASTERS IN CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE A LOT OF PRACTICE AT



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1 THIS, UNFORTUNATELY, SO WE CAN PULL TOGETHER PRETTY QUICKLY IN
2 A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SO, CONSTANCE, IF YOU WOULD GIVE A
3 QUICK RUNDOWN OF WHERE WE ARE, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

4

5 **CONSTANCE:** THANK YOU, MR. JANSSEN. GOOD AFTERNOON,
6 SUPERVISORS. AS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED, THERE WAS A TASK
7 FORCE MEETING THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER VERY QUICKLY YESTERDAY AND
8 EXTREMELY WELL ATTENDED. WE HAD WELL OVER 50 PEOPLE
9 PARTICIPATING ON A CONFERENCE CALL TO REALLY JUMPSTART THE
10 PROCESS OF PREPARING TO RECEIVE EVACUEES. WE WANTED TO DO TWO
11 THINGS. WE WANTED TO, FIRST OF ALL, GET A FEEL FOR WHAT WE
12 COULD HANDLE AND HANDLE WELL AND ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE
13 ABLE TO BE VERY RESPONSIVE AND VERY NIMBLE IN OUR RESPONSE TO
14 THE NEEDS OF THE DISASTER VICTIMS. AND I THINK THAT
15 YESTERDAY'S MEETING REALLY ACHIEVED THAT JUMPSTART AND, I,
16 PERSONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE BOTH FOR SOME LEADERSHIP, SOME IMPORTANT
18 LEADERSHIP THAT REALLY HELPED US PULL IT TOGETHER VERY
19 RAPIDLY. WE HAD ANOTHER MEETING THIS MORNING. WE BROUGHT IN
20 STAFF LEVEL PEOPLE THIS MORNING TO START TO HAMMER OUT SOME OF
21 THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF A FEW OF THE ISSUES THAT WE WANT TO MAKE
22 SURE WE HAD ADDRESSED VERY, VERY RAPIDLY AND, AT 5:00, WHEN
23 THE TASK FORCE CONVENES AGAIN, WE'LL BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK TO
24 YOU IN TERMS OF WHERE WE STAND WITH OUR PROGRESS. WHAT WE ARE
25 DOING IS WE ARE SURVEYING ALL OF THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY TO



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1 DETERMINE IF ANY OF THEM HAVE SITES THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE TO
2 HOUSE THE EVACUEES. WE'RE DOING THIS IN SUPPORT OF RED CROSS.
3 WE'RE ALSO DOING A SURVEY IN TERMS OF THE RESOURCES THAT THE
4 COUNTY HAS AVAILABLE AND THAT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE
5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
6 TRAINED SHELTER OPERATORS, D.P.S.S. TRAINS PEOPLE IN MASS CARE
7 SHELTER OPERATIONS AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT RED CROSS
8 OPERATIONS AND, WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A LONG LITANY OF
9 RESOURCES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS ALREADY IN PLACE IN
10 THIS COUNTY TO SUPPORT THESE SHELTER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING
11 MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS AND PUBLIC HEALTH TEAMS AND JUST A WIDE
12 VARIETY. I'D LIKE TO TALK FOR JUST A MINUTE ABOUT THE-- WHAT
13 I'M CALLING THE SELF STARTERS. THESE ARE THE WONDERFUL GRITTY
14 DETERMINED EVACUEES THAT ARE FINDING THEIR OWN WAY HERE.
15 THEY'RE NOT TRAVELING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GOVERNMENT OR ANY
16 TYPE OF A SPECIAL AIR LIFT. THEY ARE GETTING HERE ON THEIR OWN
17 AND WE WANT TO REACH OUT TO THEM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
18 THEY ARE GETTING THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. WE WANT TO MAKE
19 SURE TO PROMOTE THE F.E.M.A. TELEREGISTRATION NUMBER BECAUSE
20 THAT IS THE WAY THAT WE ARE REALLY GOING TO ALL KNOW, BOTH
21 LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL, HOW MANY PEOPLE WE DO HAVE HERE IN
22 CALIFORNIA AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FROM THE STRICKEN
23 AREAS AND SO THAT WE CAN REACH OUT AND PROVIDE PROPER
24 SERVICES. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS AND ASK
25 THE MEDIA TO HELP WITH THIS, THAT, IF FOLKS HAVE COME IN ON



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1 THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, ARE SELF-STARTERS WHO HAVE GOTTEN HERE,
2 PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO REGISTER WITH
3 THE F.E.M.A. TELEREGISTRATION NUMBER SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO
4 MAKE THAT OUTREACH TO YOU AND THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALSO
5 CAN BEGIN TO ASSIST YOU. I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ELSE THAT I
6 THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I WOULD ASK AGAIN FOR THE MEDIA'S
7 HELP WITH THIS. WATCHING HURRICANE KATRINA HAS BEEN JUST SO
8 PAINFUL FOR ALL OF US. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE PAIN
9 AND SUFFERING THAT THE VICTIMS HAVE HAD TO ENDURE BUT IT
10 DRIVES HOME A VERY IMPORTANT POINT. GOVERNMENT IS NOT CAPABLE
11 OF TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE NEEDS DURING A
12 DISASTER. IT'S A FACT OF LIFE. I DON'T CARE HOW WELL PREPARED
13 WE ARE, AND I BELIEVE WE DO A GOOD JOB HERE, BUT WE CANNOT
14 GUARANTEE OUR RESIDENTS, OUR CITIZENS THAT WE WILL BE THERE IN
15 THE FIRST 24 HOURS. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND URGE
16 THE PUBLIC TO PREPARE FOR MINIMUM OF 7 DAYS. FIND A WAY TO
17 STORE SOME WATER, FOOD, MEDICINE. THE BASICS THAT YOU WOULD
18 NEED SO THAT YOU COULD BE SELF-SUPPORTING UNTIL YOU GET THE
19 ASSISTANCE THAT YOU NEED FROM GOVERNMENT. I THINK IT'S A VERY
20 IMPORTANT MESSAGE. IT'S ONE WE NEED TO GET OUT AND, FOR SOME
21 OF THE FOLKS THAT MAY FIND THAT HARD, I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE
22 THAT, ON A DAILY BASIS, HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME GETTING A MEAL
23 ON THE TABLE AND IT'S HARD TO SAY TO THEM, "HAVE SEVEN DAYS'
24 WORTH OF FOOD PREPARED." WE NEED TO REACH OUT TO THOSE PEOPLE
25 WHO NEED THAT ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE AND WE NEED TO



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1 HELP THEM SO THAT THEY HAVE SOME RESERVES, SOME WAY TO CARE
2 FOR THEMSELVES UNTIL GOVERNMENT CAN HELP THEM. SO I APPRECIATE
3 BEING GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THIS. I THINK IT'S A VERY
4 IMPORTANT MESSAGE.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ONE ADDITIONAL, I THINK WE SHOULD TALK A
7 LITTLE BIT ABOUT 2-1-1. THE COUNTY JUST KICKED OFF, IN JULY,
8 INFOLINE AND WE'RE ASKING ANYONE, APARTMENT OWNERS, HOTEL
9 OWNERS, ANYONE THAT IS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP, CALL 2-1-1.
10 WE HAVE OPERATORS ONLINE, READY TO ANSWER CALLS, IF YOU WANT
11 TO CONTRIBUTE. AND ALSO, IF YOU'RE HERE AND YOU ARE AN EVACUEE
12 AND YOU NEED HELP, YOU CAN ALSO CALL 2-1-1. SO WE'RE TRYING TO
13 COVER BOTH ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM. IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL 2-1-1.
14 IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE HELP, CALL 2-1-1 AND WE'LL COORDINATE
15 THE EFFORT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE ARE PARTICIPATING ON DAILY CALLS AS
18 WELL WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCIES AND WITH THE
19 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS WELL. ALL OF THE STATE IS COORDINATING
20 THEIR SERVICES THROUGH COUNTIES AND CITIES. WE HAVE YET NOT
21 RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM F.E.M.A. AS TO HOW MANY PEOPLE
22 OR WHEN OR HOW BUT WE ARE ANTICIPATING THAT WE WILL AND SO,
23 CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE PREPARING FOR THIS. LET ME JUST ALSO ADD
24 THAT WE'VE ALREADY SENT OUT TEAMS TO THE AREA. OUR LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS HAVE SENT OUT AN URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE



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1 TEAM COMPRISED OF 80 FIREFIGHTERS FROM L.A. COUNTY. THEY'RE
2 CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TO LOUISIANA AND WILL RELIEVE ANOTHER
3 SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM THERE ON THURSDAY. WE HAVE ONE SWIFT
4 WATER RESCUE TEAM COMPRISED OF 16 FIREFIGHTERS FROM L.A.
5 COUNTY. THEY'RE OUT IN LOUISIANA AT THIS MOMENT. THERE'S ALSO
6 AN ADDITIONAL 11 FIREFIGHTERS, WHICH WERE PART OF THE VARIOUS
7 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS. SOME ARE CURRENTLY IN LOUISIANA AND
8 OTHERS ARE WORKING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AS FAR AS EQUIPMENT,
9 WE'VE SENT OVER 17 VEHICLES, SOME LARGE TRACTOR TRAILERS FOR
10 SEARCH AND RESCUE, WITH SEARCH CAMERAS, A TOTAL OF 60,000
11 POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED, AND, AGAIN, THIS IS
12 EQUIPMENT THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED WITH F.E.M.A. DOLLARS THAT
13 WERE TO BE UTILIZED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT WE'RE SENDING OUT
14 INTO THOSE AREAS. IN ADDITION, THE SHERIFF HAS SENT OUT ONE
15 SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTER AND TEAM COMPRISED OF 12
16 INDIVIDUALS, WHICH INCLUDE A SERGEANT CREW, FOUR PARAMEDICS,
17 THREE PILOTS, TWO MECHANICS, A LIEUTENANT AND ONE DEPUTY FROM
18 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU AND THIS TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING IN
19 LOUISIANA IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES. AND SO WE'RE PROUD OF THE
20 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MANY OF OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE AS
21 WELL. MS. BURKE WANTED TO MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I-- FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD
24 THANK THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HAVE NEVER SEEN AN
25 OUTPOURING OF HELP LIKE WE HAVE SEEN PEOPLE, INDIVIDUALS,



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1 CHILDREN TAKING THEIR PIGGY BANKS, OPENING IT UP TO PEOPLE AND
2 WE NEED TO COMMEND THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE WAY THEY
3 HAVE REACHED OUT TO PEOPLE IN THE GULF STATES AND I RECOGNIZE
4 THAT, IN MANY INSTANCES, FOR INSTANCE, IN MY DISTRICT, YOU
5 HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE RELATIVES THERE OR WHO HAVE MOVED
6 FROM THE GULF STATES TO LOS ANGELES AND WE DO WANT TO MAKE
7 SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE KNOW ALL OF THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE
8 DONE AND THEY GET THE KIND OF INFORMATION OUT. I KNOW THAT
9 THERE'S SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED THAT THE
10 GENERAL HONORARY WAS THERE, SOMEONE WHO HAS CONNECTIONS TO LOS
11 ANGELES, AND RELATIVES HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WHO HAS GONE IN
12 THERE AND CERTAINLY HAS STARTED MOVING. I ALSO, THOUGH, WANT
13 TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ASK DR. SANDERS ABOUT OUR OWN PERSONAL
14 ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE 70
15 CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE GULF STATES, THESE ARE FOSTER
16 CHILDREN, WHO ARE PROBABLY THERE WITH FOSTER PARENTS OR WITH
17 RELATIVE CAREGIVERS AND THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN LOCATED
18 AND OTHERS HAVE NOT. I JUST THINK WE SHOULD GET SOME KIND OF
19 AN UPDATE ON THAT ISSUE.

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21 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, DAVID SANDERS, DIRECTOR
22 OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE HAVE 69
23 YOUTH PLACED IN THE THREE GULF STATES. GENERALLY, THEY ARE
24 EITHER WITH RELATIVES OR THEY'RE IN PRE-ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS.
25 THE MAJORITY OF THOSE 69 YOUTH ARE WITH RELATIVES. OF THOSE,



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1 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT 39. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO
2 CONTACT 30 OF THEM. SO IT IS RIGHT NOW A VERY GRIM SITUATION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A MOTION I'LL PASS OUT THAT WE SHOULD
5 REQUEST AND WE SEND A LETTER AND CONTACT IMMEDIATELY FEDERAL,
6 STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THOSE REGIONS TO SEE IF WE
7 CAN HAVE SOME ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING. WE HAVE THE PRIMARY
8 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE CHILDREN. THEY ARE SEPARATED FROM--
9 WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE SEPARATED FROM PARENTS OR
10 WHETHER OR NOT-- THEIR STATUS, BUT WE SHOULD REACH OUT AND ASK
11 FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING WHERE THOSE CHILDREN ARE. WE
12 NEED TO HAVE SOME EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT, I THINK, THAT, IN THE
13 EVENT THOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT BEING CARED FOR, THAT WE SHOULD
14 MOVE FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE CARED FOR. I ALSO HAVE
15 BEEN REALLY VERY PLEASED TO HEAR WHAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
16 DOING BUT I WONDER ABOUT SOME OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES THAT
17 WE ARE UNIQUELY IN A POSITION TO ASSIST AND I WOULD LIKE TO
18 ASK DR. FIELDING SOME QUESTIONS. I KNOW HE'S ALREADY STARTED
19 WORKING ON THAT BUT IF HE'S NOT HERE NOW, IF, WHEN HE COMES
20 IN, I'D LIKE TO CHECK WITH HIM ON THAT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST ADD JUST ONE THING IN ADDITION TO OUR
23 DEPARTMENTS DOING SUCH A, YOU KNOW, RALLYING UP, WE ALSO HAVE
24 A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT ARE VOLUNTEERS TO THE RED CROSS
25 THAT ARE BACK THERE ON SITE AS WELL, TOO.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AS WELL, THAT'S CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS THE COUNTY HAS MADE
5 PROVISIONS FOR THEM TO BE PAID DURING THE TIME THAT THEY'RE
6 VOLUNTEERING. IS IT UP TO NINE DAYS? NINE DAYS. DR. FIELDING,
7 WHAT CAN WE DO OR WHAT ARE WE DOING IN TERMS OF PROVIDING
8 ASSISTANCE, NOT JUST TO THE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE, BUT TO
9 PEOPLE THERE WHO, OBVIOUSLY, IN MANY INSTANCES, DO NOT HAVE
10 THE KIND OF MEDICINES THAT I'VE HEARD AND I SAW THAT THEY ARE
11 DOING INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS, BUT I HAD A CALL FROM A
12 DOCTOR WHO WANTS TO KNOW HOW SHE CAN CONTACT PEOPLE THERE.

13

14 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, SECRETARY LEVITT DID DECLARE A
15 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. I THINK THE PARTICULAR CONCERN,
16 ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T EXPLICIT, WAS ABOUT POSSIBLE INFECTIOUS
17 DISEASES. AT THIS POINT, THE ONLY ONE I'M AWARE OF IS A VIBRIO
18 VULNIFICANS, WHICH IS A GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEM, CAUSES
19 NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA, CRAMPS AND IS EASILY TREATED WITH
20 ANTIBIOTICS BUT THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT AS A PROBLEM. I
21 DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S A LARGE PROBLEM BUT IT'S A PROBLEM
22 RELATED TO THE CONDITIONS THERE, THE FLOOD AND PEOPLE PERHAPS
23 HAVING CONTACT WITH THAT WATER AND NOT HAVING NECESSARILY THE
24 CLEANEST WATER. THE OTHER KIND OF CONCERNS IN THE GENERAL
25 REGION IS WEST NILE. IT'S A GREAT PLACE, A GREAT LARGE BODY OF



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1 STANDING WATER TO INCUBATE MOSQUITOES AND SO THERE HAVE BEEN
2 CALLS, I KNOW, FOR SPRAYING BUT I'M NOT AWARE THAT THAT'S
3 OCCURRED TO DATE. THERE'S ALSO THE ISSUES RELATED TO TOXIC
4 SUBSTANCES AND, SINCE MOST OF THE AREA HAS BEEN EVACUATED, WE
5 DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THAT'S A PROBLEM, BUT THAT'S
6 SOMETHING THAT WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT OVER THE NEXT PERIOD
7 OF WEEKS AND MONTHS. AND THEN, OF COURSE, THERE'S THE GENERAL
8 PROBLEMS OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT DR. SOUTHARD MAY WISH TO
9 ADDRESS BUT THOSE ARE REALLY SERIOUS, BOTH SHORT-TERM AND
10 LONG-TERM PROBLEMS. WE'VE BEEN-- I WOULD NOT SAY THAT, AT THE
11 FEDERAL LEVEL, THAT THE COORDINATION HAS BEEN IDEAL. WE HAVE
12 TRIED FOR THE LAST WEEK TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET VOLUNTEERS TO
13 THE RIGHT PLACE, AND WE HAVE NOT HAD-- I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN
14 A LOT OF VERY CONSCIENTIOUS PEOPLE BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE THE
15 SYSTEM WAS ORGANIZED. A HALF HOUR AGO, I HEARD THEY NOW HAVE A
16 NEW WEBSITE FOR STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS WHO WOULD
17 LIKE TO HELP, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN-- I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON
18 THE PHONE WITH KEY MEMBERS OF MY STAFF. WE HAD OVER 90 PEOPLE
19 WHO PRELIMINARILY INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER. THEY
20 ARE SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER HAVE TO BE WILLING TO
21 HAVE PRETTY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS AND BE THERE AT LEAST 14 DAYS
22 AND WITH, YOU KNOW, ARMY PROVISIONS AND BED ROLL AND PORTABLE
23 TOILETS AND THOSE KIND OF THINGS. BUT THAT COORDINATION
24 EFFORT, I THINK, IS STILL NOT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. WE ARE, OF
25 COURSE, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE HERE AS PART OF THE OVERALL



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1 APPROACH THAT CONSTANCE HAS TALKED ABOUT AND I THINK THE OTHER
2 THING THAT THIS REALLY REINFORCES IS THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY
3 FAMILY, EVERYONE IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, HAVING A FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN. AND WE
5 HAVE MATERIALS FOR THAT THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT
6 AND THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND ALSO HAVING PROVISIONS, HAVING
7 THREE DAYS OF WATER AND HAVING FOOD AND A RADIO OPERATED BY
8 BATTERIES. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAD NO COMMUNICATION BECAUSE
9 EVERYTHING WAS, YOU KNOW, 120 VOLT. AND HAVING MEDICINES
10 AVAILABLE. THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PEOPLE
11 GETTING MEDICINES AND ONE OF THE FIRST PRIORITIES FOR THE
12 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS GETTING PEOPLE WHO ARE ON INSULIN,
13 PEOPLE WHO HAD ASTHMA AND OTHER THINGS THAT NEEDED DAILY
14 MEDICATIONS, GETTING THAT TO THEM. BUT, AGAIN, I DON'T THINK
15 WE HAVE BROAD INFORMATION ON HOW SUCCESSFUL THAT EFFORT HAS
16 BEEN.

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHAT SHOULD I TELL THIS DOCTOR WHO WANTS TO
19 VOLUNTEER, IS THAT...

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21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I'LL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE, IF THEY CALL
22 MY OFFICE, I'LL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE WEBSITE
23 INFORMATION THAT IS-- THEY ARE ASKING FOR CLINICIANS AS PART
24 OF THE GROUP.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** F.E.M.A. HAS ESTABLISHED, WITH THE
2 DEPARTMENT, THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, A WEBSITE THAT
3 THEY CAN CONTACT DOCTORS AND NURSES.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** THROUGH THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND F.E.M.A.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE WE, IN OUR OFFICE, I MEAN, WE MADE CONTACT
12 LAST WEEK WITH THE RED CROSS HERE LOCALLY AND THEY HAD A PLAN
13 TO WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO, WHERE THEY CAN SIGN UP, THE WHOLE
14 PROGRAM. SO THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY HERE, JUST THE
15 LOCAL RED CROSS WAS TIED IN NATIONALLY.

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17 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE'LL CERTAINLY-- WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT
18 WITH THEM AS WELL, SUPERVISOR.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND AGAIN, ANYONE CAN CALL 2-1-1. THAT
21 WOULD BE THE MAJOR MECHANISM BY WHICH TO COORDINATE WHERE THEY
22 CAN RECEIVE INFORMATION, GET ALL THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED, AND
23 CONNECT THEM. WHETHER, AGAIN, THEY NEED HELP OR THEY WANT TO
24 PROVIDE CONTRIBUTIONS. WE JUST RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT OUR
25 OWN LOS ANGELES GARMENT INDUSTRY IS PREPARED TO SEND AND



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1 ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE FAMILIES IN NEED WITH WHATEVER CLOTHING
2 THAT THEY MAY NEED AND THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING
3 TOGETHER A WHOLE, I GUESS, ARRAY OF THINGS THAT THEY'LL BE
4 SENDING OUT THERE. SO THERE'S A LOT OF CONTRIBUTIONS. PEOPLE
5 ARE REALLY STANDING UP AND MAKING AN EFFORT. OUR OWN COUNTY
6 EMPLOYEES HAVE ALREADY STARTED A COLLECTION, WHICH IS GREAT TO
7 HEAR. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD, OF COURSE, CONCERNS ABOUT OUR
8 EFFORTS AS FAR AS EVACUEES, AS TO WHETHER IT'S APPROPRIATE,
9 CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE THAT HAVE NEEDS.
10 I THINK ALL OF US RECOGNIZE THIS IS A VERY, VERY SPECIAL SET
11 OF CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WE ARE JOINING IN A STATEWIDE EFFORT.
12 YESTERDAY, IN THE GOVERNOR'S CALL, WE WERE ALL TOLD AGAIN,
13 LET'S NOT OVER COMMIT, LET'S ACCOMMODATE WHAT WE CAN DO AND
14 ALL OF THE CITIES AND THE COUNTIES ARE PARTICIPATING AT
15 VARIOUS LEVELS. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH WE
16 DON'T KNOW, EVEN THOUGH THE QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT
17 REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTIES BUT MOST OF THE CITIES AND THE
18 COUNTIES WERE PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE A WHOLE NUMBER OF
19 EVACUEES, AS WE ARE. AND, AGAIN, WE ASK PEOPLE TO CALL THAT
20 NUMBER BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WHATEVER THE FORMAL
21 NUMBER THAT WE WILL RECEIVE BUT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 ALREADY RECEIVING MANY OF THOSE FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY HAVE
23 RELATIVES HERE ON AN INFORMAL PROCESS BUT THEY CAN ALSO CALL
24 2-1-1 IF THEY NEED ANY ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND COORDINATE



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1 THROUGH US AS WE'LL MAKE THAT AVAILABLE. SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AND
5 THE OTHERS WHO WERE CALLED TOGETHER, INCLUDING ALL OF OUR
6 STAFFS YESTERDAY FOR THIS EFFORT AND I THINK WE'VE DONE A
7 GREAT JOB IN PULLING IT TOGETHER ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. I DO
8 WANT TO RAISE A COUPLE OF SPECIFIC THINGS PUBLICLY. NUMBER 1,
9 I THINK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN HELP US IN HOUSING
10 EVACUEES. I WILL SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO A MAJOR FACILITY IN THE
11 DISTRICT I REPRESENT, THE WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS
12 ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS PROBABLY ACCOMMODATION FOR HUNDREDS
13 OF PEOPLE, CERTAINLY A COUPLE HUNDRED PEOPLE IN BUILDINGS THAT
14 HAVE NOT BEEN USED AND ARE NOT BEING USED, BUT IT'S GOT TO
15 BREAK THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY OF "THIS IS A VETERANS
16 FACILITY", "THIS IS A HEALTH FACILITY", THIS IS SOME OTHER
17 KIND OF FACILITY. THERE'S GOT TO BE THE KIND OF OUTSIDE THE
18 BOX THINKING THAT'S BEEN EXHIBITED BY OUR OWN TEAM AND BY THE
19 STATE NOT TO BE CONSTRAINED BY BUREAUCRATIC REGULATIONS. SO I
20 WOULD URGE-- AND I'VE SPOKEN TO OUR C.A.O. ABOUT THIS THIS
21 MORNING, THAT, IN THE NEXT COMMUNICATION YOU HAVE WITH THE
22 STATE, AND WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THAT THIS BE
23 COMMUNICATED TO THE WHITE HOUSE SO THAT THE WHITE HOUSE OR
24 F.E.M.A., PREFERABLY, THE WHITE HOUSE, CAN SEND THE MESSAGE TO
25 ITS DEPARTMENTS, IN THIS CASE, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS



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1 AFFAIRS, AND SAYING, "DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO DO TO MAKE THIS
2 HAPPEN," BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOUSING, YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
3 VACANT APARTMENTS AND HOTELS AND THIS AND THAT, WE'VE GOT
4 HUNDREDS OF ROOMS, NOT GYMNASIUM FLOORS, NOT CHURCH OR
5 SYNAGOGUE SOCIAL HALL FLOORS BUT ROOMS THAT COULD BE MADE
6 AVAILABLE ON A VERY SHORT NOTICE. AND SO, WITHOUT CONSULTING
7 MY CONSTITUENTS, ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS IN WEST LOS
8 ANGELES, I THINK THIS IS PRECISELY THE KIND OF THING THAT THEY
9 WOULD WELCOME AND RIGHTLY SO. SECONDLY, I DON'T KNOW WHATEVER
10 HAPPENED AND MAYBE SUPERVISOR KNABE KNOWS, IT'S IN HIS AREA,
11 BUT, WHEN I WAS IN THE CITY COUNCIL, FORT MACARTHUR, I DON'T
12 KNOW WHAT KIND OF FACILITIES EXIST DOWN THERE, BUT THERE'S
13 ANOTHER PLACE WHERE, SOME YEARS AGO, THERE WERE-- THERE WAS A
14 TREMENDOUS CAPACITY FOR HOUSING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEEN DONE
15 SINCE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED BUT THAT'S ANOTHER FEDERAL
16 FACILITY. THE REASON I BRING THESE TWO UP, ESPECIALLY THE ONE
17 WITH WHICH I AM INTIMATELY FAMILIAR, THE WEST L.A. VA, IS THAT
18 THE FEDS ARE ASKING US AND WE'RE OFFERING TO HELP, THEY CAN BE
19 REALLY HELPFUL TO US IN HELPING THEM, IF THEY'LL JUST BREAK
20 THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY AND MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THE SECOND THING
21 I WANT TO SAY IS WE HAVE RECEIVED CALLS THIS MORNING AND OVER
22 THE WEEKEND FROM SOME OF THE NONPROFIT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN
23 OUR COMMUNITY, VENICE FAMILY CLINIC IS ONE OF THEM, THEY
24 CONTACTED ME, SAID THEY WANT TO OFFER TO HELP ANY OF THE
25 EVACUEES WHEN THEY COME HERE AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE GIVE



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1 ALL OF OUR PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERS, SUCH AS VENICE FAMILY,
2 L.A. FREE, AND OTHERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY, WHICH WE HAVE
3 DOZENS, THAT WE OFFER THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE RIGHT
4 THING. I THINK THEY ALL WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP,
5 THAT'S THE KIND OF PEOPLE THEY ARE. AND WE HAVE, ASIDE FROM
6 OUR OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUR OWN COUNTY
7 CLINICS, WE HAVE A MULTITUDE OF PRIVATE NONPROFITS WHO ARE
8 PREPARED TO HELP AND WHO OFFER US GREATER REACH THAN WE CAN DO
9 ON OUR OWN. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO THINGS I WANTED TO MENTION
10 THAT WE CAN, I THINK, IF WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME EVACUEES,
11 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE HUMAN SERVICE SIDE AND
12 THE HOUSING SIDE AND THERE ARE SOME-- COUPLE OF KEY CALLS CAN
13 PROVIDE A BREAKTHROUGH IN PROVIDING THIS CRITICAL
14 INFRASTRUCTURE. I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING, MADAM
15 CHAIR, IS ON THE WHOLE SUBJECT AND, GOSH, I THINK ALL OF US
16 HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT THIS OVER THE LAST WEEK, AND I'VE BEEN
17 WATCHING THIS WITH GREAT PROFESSIONAL INTEREST AND PERSONAL
18 ANGUISH, THIS WHOLE EVOLUTION SINCE A WEEK AGO LAST SATURDAY
19 WHEN THIS BECAME CLEAR THAT IT WAS GOING TO HIT WHERE IT HIT,
20 IT-- I THINK WE ARE-- WHILE WE ARE EXPERIENCED IN DISASTERS, I
21 THINK I CAN SAY SAFELY THAT, OF ALL OF THE DISASTERS THAT I
22 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AS A PROFESSIONAL ELECTED OFFICIAL IN
23 THE 30 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE, IF YOU TOOK ALL OF
24 THOSE DISASTERS, THE SEVERAL EARTHQUAKES, THE CIVIL
25 DISTURBANCE, THE BRUSH FIRES, AND PUT THEM ALL INTO ONE



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1 DISASTER, THEY WOULDN'T BEGIN TO COMPARE TO WHAT THE PEOPLE OF
2 THE GULF COAST ARE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW, NOT EVEN CLOSE. SO
3 THESE COMPARISONS THAT PEOPLE MAKE ABOUT "WE RESPOND BETTER OR
4 WORSE THAN THEY RESPONDED," IT'S NOT A COMPARISON THAT IS A
5 GOOD COMPARISON. UNTIL WE'VE BEEN IN THAT SITUATION, UNTIL
6 ANYBODY HAS BEEN IN THIS PERFECT STORM KIND OF A SITUATION,
7 IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE AND I FIND IT HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT
8 THEY'RE GOING THROUGH. I WILL SAY AND I SAY THIS TO CONSTANCE
9 BARRETTE AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND OUR SHERIFFS AND LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THAT ONE THING IS CLEAR,
11 THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A QUALITY, WELL-TRAINED, WELL-
12 FUNDED, LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY APPARATUS, FIRE AND POLICE, FIRE
13 AND SHERIFF. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR IT BECAUSE, BEFORE
14 F.E.M.A. CAN GET ON THE SCENE AND BEFORE THE NATIONAL GUARD
15 CAN GET ON THE SCENE, IT'S THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT THAT'S ON THE SCENE AND, BOY, I TELL YOU, WE HAVE--
17 WE ARE BLESSED IN THIS COMMUNITY TO HAVE THE BEST PUBLIC
18 SAFETY APPARATUS I THINK OF ANY COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES
19 AND I THINK THAT SHOWS, ALL THE TIME IT SHOWS. IT'S CERTAINLY
20 SOMETHING THAT'S CROSSED MY MIND THIS PAST WEEK AND THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR PULLING THIS TOGETHER AND I THANK THE CHAIR AND HER
22 STAFF FOR THE WORK THEY DID YESTERDAY AND I THINK THIS COUNTY
23 IS READY, AS WE CAN RESPOND TO DISASTERS OF OUR OWN, I THINK
24 WE CAN HELP MITIGATE SOME OF THE DISASTERS OF OUR BROTHERS AND
25 SISTERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, HOW MUCH HAVE WE RAISED SINCE
5 LAST WEEK? DO YOU HAVE A FIGURE AND NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES
6 HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DO NOT HAVE A FIGURE BUT IT'S IN THE
9 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. WE GOT A VERY QUICK REACTION TO YOUR
10 MOTION LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SATURDAY, THE CITY OF ARCADIA DID A
13 FUNDRAISER AT THE ARCADIA MALL, MAYOR JOHN WU AND MEMBERS OF
14 THE COMMUNITY IN RAISING FUNDS AND I BELIEVE SATURDAY NIGHT,
15 CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THEY RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$10,000
16 IN AN EVENT FOR THE VICTIMS. WE'RE GOING TO SEND LETTERS TO
17 EACH OF OUR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ASKING THEM TO WORK WITH
18 THEIR MEMBERS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC/PRIVATE EFFORT TO HELP THESE
19 PEOPLE, EITHER THROUGH HOUSING OR CLOTHING OR MONETARY
20 CONTRIBUTIONS AND MAYBE PERHAPS YOU COULD REPHRASE TO THE
21 PUBLIC WHO IS WATCHING, WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL IN THE COUNTY OF
22 LOS ANGELES WHEN WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY? WHAT ARE THE STEPS THAT
23 WE TAKE AND PERHAPS THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES WE HAVE WITH
24 THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE TRANSIT AUTHORITIES AND THE ABILITY TO
25 HANDLE SUCH A CATASTROPHE?



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2 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** I'LL GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW. IT WILL SOUND A

3 LITTLE BUREAUCRATIC, SO I APOLOGIZE TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE BUT

4 LET ME TELL YOU, ALL OF YOU LIVE IN A CITY OR COUNTY,

5 UNINCORPORATED AREA SOMEWHERE AND, WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS

6 IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE YOU LIVE, THE FIRST THING THAT

7 HAPPENS IS OBVIOUSLY THE FIRST RESPONDERS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

8 ARE RESPONDING BUT THEY ARE ALSO ASSESSING THE SCOPE OF THE

9 EVENT AND, IF IT'S BEYOND THEIR CAPABILITY, THEY ARE NUMBER 1

10 INVOKING MUTUAL AID OF WHICH WE HAVE A WONDERFUL, ROBUST

11 SYSTEM HERE IN CALIFORNIA AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY FOR FIRE AND

12 LAW. WE HAVE PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID, WE HAVE CORONER'S MUTUAL

13 AID, THERE ARE A LOT OF MUTUAL AID SYSTEMS IN PLACE. SO

14 THEY'RE INVOKING MUTUAL AID ON AN AREA LEVEL. IF THEY FIND

15 THAT THOSE RESOURCES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT, THEY ARE COMING TO

16 THE COUNTY. WE ACTIVATE OUR OPERATIONAL AREA EOC, OUR

17 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND WE STAFF IT, NOT ONLY WITH KEY

18 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS BUT WITH OTHER OUTSIDE AGENCIES SUCH AS

19 UTILITY COMPANIES, THE NATIONAL GUARD, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS,

20 THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, MANY, MANY OTHER AGENCIES ARE

21 BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE PROBLEM AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN GET THEM

22 THERE. WE ARE GETTING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FROM OUR

23 CITIES THROUGH OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. WE

24 ARE GETTING RESOURCE REQUESTS. WE IMMEDIATELY LET THE

25 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE KNOW WHAT THE SCOPE OF OUR EVENT IS. DAMAGE



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1 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION IS CRITICAL BECAUSE IT HELPS THEM TO
2 DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE GOING TO REQUEST A STATE AND
3 PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION. WE ALSO DO LOCAL DECLARATIONS, ALL
4 WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THE RESOURCES THAT ARE NEEDED TO THE
5 LOCAL AREA. SO THERE IS A SYSTEM IN PLACE IN THIS COUNTY. WE
6 EXERCISE IT EVERY SINGLE YEAR, WE EXERCISE IT ON A CONSTANT
7 BASIS. THIS YEAR, WE'RE ACTUALLY DOING A SERIES OF 36
8 EXERCISES CULMINATING IN A FULL SCALE EXERCISE ON NOVEMBER
9 17TH. WE ARE NO STRANGERS TO THE PROCESS OF EXERCISING AND
10 WORKING WITH OUR CITIES AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE A VERY WELL
11 PREPARED COUNTY. WE CAN CERTAINLY ALWAYS DO MORE AND WE NEED
12 TO DO MORE AND WE NEED MORE FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR ALL HAZARDS
13 PLANNING BUT WE ARE A WELL PREPARED COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD POINT OUT THAT WE ALSO HAVE EL TORO
16 THAT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE THAT ARE STILL IN GOOD SHAPE
17 THAT COULD BE EXERCISED AND THE FACT THAT I SUGGEST THAT THE
18 COLISEUM WOULD BE A GOOD VENUE IF THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS NEED
19 AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN. THE COLISEUM IS A
20 VENUE THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND THOSE DISCUSSIONS, I
21 UNDERSTAND, WOULD BE HELPING THOSE PEOPLE RELOCATE AND THAT
22 ALSO, ONCE AGAIN, FOR OUR PUBLIC WHO IS LISTENING, WE HAVE
23 EMERGENCIES HERE. THEY HAPPEN. FIRE. EARTHQUAKES. THAT'S JUST
24 PART OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUT, ALONG WITH WATER, YOU NEED A
25 CAN OPENER. YOUR ELECTRIC CAN OPENER IS NOT GOING TO WORK. YOU



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1 NEED A HAND OPERATED CAN OPENER AND YOU NEED SHOES OR SLIPPERS
2 BENEATH YOUR BED BECAUSE OF THE GLASS. THE FIRST PRINCIPLE WE
3 TEACH IN EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS IS TO HAVE THE WATER, THE
4 SHOES BENEATH YOUR BED, PLASTIC CAN LINERS FOR SANITARY
5 PURPOSES AND THAT HAND-OPERATED CAN OPENER TO BE PREPARED AND
6 TELEPHONE LINES VERY LIKELY WILL BE DOWN AND TO HAVE THAT PLAN
7 WHERE YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR FAMILY CAN MEET AND SOME TYPE OF A
8 STRATEGIC PLACE AND THE SALVATION ARMY, AMERICAN RED CROSS AND
9 YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE THERE TO HELP
10 DISPLACED CHILDREN AND OTHERS TO FIND-- RELOCATE THEIR
11 FAMILIES AGAIN. THAT HAND-OPERATED CAN OPENER IS A VERY, VERY--
12 - IT'S NOT AN ANTIQUE, IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU NEED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ANYONE ELSE?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD, I'VE ONLY HAD ONE
17 EXPERIENCE IN MY DISTRICT WITH A FLOOD AND THAT WAS WHEN THERE
18 WAS A TREMENDOUS FLOOD OVER A PERIOD OF THREE HOURS WHERE
19 EVERYTHING WENT OUT, NO ELECTRICITY AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S
20 IN AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ARE-- POVERTY AREAS, PEOPLE WHO DON'T
21 HAVE A LOT OF ALTERNATIVES IN TERMS OF FOOD. NOW, OUR
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WAS EXCELLENT, BUT WE HAD
23 3,500 PEOPLE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE TIME IT OPENED BECAUSE,
24 FIRST OF ALL, EVERYONE'S FREEZER WENT OUT, AND THEIR
25 REFRIGERATOR WASN'T WORKING, SO ALL OF THE PERISHABLE FOOD



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1 SPOILED WITHIN A FEW HOURS AND THE REALITY WAS THAT IT WAS
2 VERY DIFFICULT TO GET OTHER KINDS OF FOOD TO PEOPLE IN A
3 HURRY. AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT, IT'S JUST A TOTALLY DIFFERENT
4 EXPERIENCE THAN THE USUAL KIND OF EMERGENCY THAT YOU RUN INTO,
5 AND OF COURSE ALL THE MARKETS IN LOS ANGELES WERE INCREDIBLE.
6 THEY CAME FORWARD AND THEY OPENED UP CENTERS AND PROVIDED
7 ADDITIONAL FOOD BUT PROVIDING THE KIND OF FOOD THAT'S
8 AVAILABLE WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ELECTRICITY, YOU DON'T HAVE
9 REFRIGERATORS, YOU DON'T HAVE FREEZERS AND WHEN WE TELL PEOPLE
10 TO HAVE SEVEN DAYS OF FOOD, I THINK WE NEED SOME UNDERSTANDING
11 OF WHAT KIND OF FOOD WE CAN HAVE FOR SEVEN DAYS IF WE DON'T
12 HAVE A FREEZER OR REFRIGERATOR OR ANYTHING ELSE BECAUSE,
13 FRANKLY, I'M AT A LOSS TO SAY-- OF COURSE, YOU HAVE CANS, YOU
14 KNOW, AND-- BUT ALSO THE GAS IS TURNED OFF IN MANY INSTANCES.
15 SO IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT THING AND I THINK THE KIND OF-- WE
16 NEED MORE DETAIL PLANNING AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO HANDLE
17 THOSE SITUATIONS AND, OF COURSE, THE HAND CAN OPENER IS ONE,
18 OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S RIGHT. BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO OPEN THE CANS.
21 BUT I MEAN, YOU-- I AGREE. I MEAN, IN THIS PARTICULAR
22 SITUATION, YOU HAD A SITUATION 90,000 SQUARE MILES UNDER WATER
23 AND ALWAYS THE LOGISTICS OF A NATURAL DISASTER. I MEAN, ONE OF
24 THE FIRST THING THE CENTERS OF OPERATION AND IN EARTHQUAKES
25 YOU CAN GET CLOSER, AND THE THING HERE WAS ACCESS, AND FOR



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1 SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF WHO GREW UP IN ILLINOIS ON THE MISSISSIPPI
2 RIVER AND BAGGED A LOT OF SANDBAGS IN MY DAY AND WATCHING
3 MANY, MANY FLOODS BACK THERE, I MEAN, ACCESS IS REALLY, REALLY
4 DIFFICULT AND THEN THE FOLLOW-UP, BECAUSE OF THE WATER AND THE
5 MOLD AND EVERYTHING ELSE, IT'S NOT THE KIND OF NORMAL
6 DESTRUCTION. YOU'VE SEEN A LOT OF DESTRUCTION IN MISSISSIPPI
7 WHERE THINGS ARE LITERALLY BLOWN OVER BUT, FOR THOSE HOMES
8 THAT ARE STILL STANDING, I WOULD VENTURE TO GUESS THE MAJORITY
9 OF THOSE WILL BE UNINHABITABLE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I HAVE A MOTION AS WELL.
12 YESTERDAY, WHEN WE WERE TALKING TO THE STATE AND BECAUSE WE
13 HAVE SO MUCH EXPERIENCE IN THESE KINDS OF EMERGENCIES, THE
14 COUNTY OF L.A. HAS MANY POWERFUL RESOURCES, BOTH HUMAN AND
15 MATERIAL, I'M ASKING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT ALL
16 OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO SURVEY THEIR DEPARTMENTS FOR
17 SKILLED PERSONNEL AND/OR EQUIPMENT THAT CAN PROVIDE
18 SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
19 THAT CAN BE DEPLOYED IN THE GULF REGION IN AREAS SUCH AS BUT
20 NOT LIMITED TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
21 MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS,
22 ENGINEERS, SANITATION DISTRICT RESOURCES, LOGISTICS, PUBLIC
23 RELATIONS AS WELL AS THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND WE'RE ASKING
24 THEM TO RETURN THIS INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
25 MANAGEMENT VIA EMAIL OR FAX BY THIS FRIDAY AND THEN WE WILL



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1 TURN AROUND AND FORWARD THAT INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S
2 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO BE ADDED TO THE RESOURCES
3 INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE GATHERING FOR THE ENTIRE STATE. SO
4 THAT IS ADDED TO THE MOTIONS THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ALSO THAT CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES WILL
7 HAVE-- I HAVE THAT MOTION TO CIRCULATE AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. I
10 THINK THAT...

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU, MADAM CHAIR, ACCEPT AS A VERBAL
13 AMENDMENT TO CONTACT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE ARMY, TOO, RIGHT?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE FORT MACARTHUR AND ANYTHING ELSE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, MACARTHUR'S CHANGED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** FORT MACARTHUR IS NOT AVAILABLE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WE COULD DOUBLE-CHECK BUT...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YESTERDAY IN OUR CONFERENCE CALL...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST CHECK FEDERAL INSTALLATIONS IN SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT OUR STATE
6 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WAS GOING TO DO IS TO CONTACT THE
7 MILITARY ABOUT MANY OF OUR MILITARY BASES THAT HAVE HOUSING
8 AVAILABLE AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR SOME HOUSING AND TO
9 COORDINATE WITH THOSE COUNTIES. I THINK SAN BERNARDINO AND
10 OTHERS WERE LOOKING AT MANY OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN
11 THEIR COUNTIES. SO WE SHOULD DO SO AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** NORTON. YOU GOT ALL OF THOSE AREAS...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S A TON OF THEM.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THOSE
20 MOTIONS BEFORE US. IS THIS AS AMENDED, IS IT 65-A, B-- IS IT C
21 AS WELL? I THINK WE CAN TAKE THOSE ALL TOGETHER.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** INCLUDING YOUR MOTION AND SUPERVISOR BURKE'S?

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** INCLUDING-- AND THE ADDITION THAT MR.
2 YAROSLAVSKY PUT IN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO IT'S BEEN MOVED AND
7 SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK
8 YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. I THINK, MS. BURKE, YOU ARE UP FIRST.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M UP FIRST? WELL, I'LL CALL THE HEARING-- I'LL
11 CALL UP NUMBER 19 FIRST.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 19. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE
14 THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE
15 HAROLD STERKER AS WELL AS RAMON RUBALCAVA. IF THEY'D JOIN US,
16 PLEASE. GOOD AFTERNOON.

17

18 **RAMON RUBALCAVA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS RAMON
19 RUBALCAVA AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660. I
20 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD REGARDING
21 THE INSURANCE PLAN PREMIUM RATES FOR 2006. S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660
22 REPRESENTS SOME 50,000 COUNTY WORKERS IN VARIOUS
23 CLASSIFICATIONS FROM BEACH MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS TO
24 REGISTERED NURSES, FROM LIBRARIANS TO INTERMEDIATE TYPIST
25 CLERKS, AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER POSITIONS PROVIDING VITAL PUBLIC



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1 SERVICES. BUT REGARDLESS OF CLASSIFICATION HELD, OUR MEMBERS
2 HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HEALTHCARE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO
3 THEM. IN 1991, OUR MEMBERS ENGAGED IN A NINE-DAY ROLLING
4 STRIKE DEMANDING FULLY PAID HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEMSELVES
5 AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE 1991 CONTRACT SECURED THE UNION'S
6 RIGHT TO MEET WITH THE INSURANCE CARRIERS AND TO REVIEW
7 UTILIZATION AND CLAIMS EXPERIENCE. THE 1991 CONTRACT ALSO
8 ESTABLISHED A LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ENTITLED THE
9 BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, TO OVERSEE THE OPTION
10 FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PROGRAM. SINCE THEN, LOCAL 660 HAS BEEN
11 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE ANNUAL RATE RENEWAL PROCESS AND
12 WORKING TO ENSURE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE. DURING
13 THE PAST NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FRINGE BENEFIT
14 AGREEMENT, LOCAL 660, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ITS CONSULTANT,
15 KEVIN ROWE FROM THE BENEFITS FIRM, ROWE AND HUDSON, NEGOTIATED
16 THE UNPRECEDENTED HEALTH INSURANCE COST MITIGATION CRITERIA.
17 THESE COST MITIGATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, WHICH WE TITLED
18 C.M.G.O.S, HAVE GUIDED THE UNION IN ITS ACTION PLAN TO COUNTER
19 ESCALATING PREMIUM RATES BY WORKING WITH THE CARRIERS IN
20 IDENTIFYING GROUP-SPECIFIC DISEASE PREVALENCE, ANALYZING
21 HEALTHCARE UTILIZATION DATA AND PROMOTING EMPLOYEE WELLNESS
22 PROGRAMS. THE C.M.G.O.S HAVE ALSO PROVIDED THE FRAMEWORK THAT
23 ALLOW LOCAL 660 TO ADOPT PLAN DESIGN CHANGES IN THE KINDS OF
24 MEDICAL PLANS FOR 2005 IN RESPONSE TO HIGH UTILIZATION. MORE
25 IMPORTANTLY, THESE COST MITIGATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES HAVE



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1 PRODUCED TOTAL COST SAVINGS OF OVER 8.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE
2 MEDICAL PLAN PREMIUM RATES FOR PLAN YEARS 2005 AND 2006. LOCAL
3 660 IS PROUD OF ITS SUCCESS IN PRESSURING KAISER AND
4 PACIFICARE TO IMPROVE THEIR PREMIUM RATE OFFERINGS AND TO
5 ENHANCE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE FOR COUNTY WORKERS AND THEIR
6 FAMILIES. THIS WAS AS A RESULT OF THE UNION'S LOBBYING
7 CAMPAIGN WHICH INCLUDED ELEVATED DISCUSSIONS WITH KAISER
8 SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF WHICH WAS FACILITATED THROUGH THE
9 EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF KAISER UNIONS. ALSO
10 THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT AND WE WANT TO THANK
11 THE BENEFITS POLICY STAFF FROM D.H.R. AND C.A.O. FOR THEIR
12 ASSISTANCE AND WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
13 WHO ASSISTED US IN THAT PROCESS. WE ASK THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT
14 THE 2006 RATES AND INSTRUCT C.A.O. AND D.H.R. STAFF TO
15 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH LOCAL 660 IN STRENGTHENING AND
16 IMPLEMENTING THE NEGOTIATED COST BENEFIT, COST MITIGATION
17 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND THEREBY PROMOTING A HEALTHIER
18 WORKFORCE AND THEREFORE MITIGATING ANNUAL PREMIUM RATE
19 INCREASES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE
20 HAROLD STERKER, WHO WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
21 THE COST MITIGATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

22
23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. STERKER.



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1 **HAROLD STERKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HAROLD STERKER AND
2 I AM THE CHAIRPERSON OF LOCAL 660'S BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
3 COMMITTEE. AS A HEALTH EDUCATOR WORKING THROUGH THE OFFICE OF
4 MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN THE COUNTY'S D.H.S.
5 PUBLIC HEALTH, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING A
6 HEALTH LIFESTYLE. AS A UNION RANK AND FILE LEADER, I
7 UNDERSTAND THE FISCAL PRESSURE OF ESCALATING MEDICAL INSURANCE
8 COSTS. THE LOCAL 660 NEGOTIATED COST MITIGATION GOALS AND
9 OBJECTIVES HAVE PROVIDED THE FRAMEWORK TO SUCCESSFULLY SECURE
10 CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT FROM OUR MEDICAL PLAN CARRIERS AND
11 JOINTLY LAUNCHED A MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM TARGETING HIGH
12 COST DISEASE PREVALENCE IN THE LOCAL 660 SUBSCRIBER GROUP.
13 PACIFICARE WAS THE FIRST OF THE OPTIONS MEDICAL PLAN CARRIERS
14 TO EMBRACE THE C.M.G.O.S AND PARTNERED WITH LOCAL 660 AND LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY TO INITIATE A CUSTOMIZED TARGETED MEDICAL AND
16 DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT ACTIVELY OUTREACHED TO UNION
17 MEMBERS BASED ON PACIFICARE'S CASE SPECIFIC DISEASE PREVALENCE
18 DATA. THEY'RE CREATING A HEALTHIER WORKFORCE INITIATIVE
19 RESULTED IN A 27% REDUCTION IN BED DAYS WHICH TRANSLATED TO A
20 SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN RATE INCREASES. PACIFICARE HAS
21 REPLACED KAISER AS THE LOWEST PRICE H.M.O. IN THE OPTIONS
22 PROGRAM. ALARMED BY ESCALATING KAISER PREMIUM RATES, WE BEGAN
23 SCHEDULING DISCUSSIONS WITH KAISER'S ADMINISTRATION--
24 ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLINICAL SENIOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT. AS A
25 RESULT OF THESE KAISER ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS, WE WERE ABLE TO



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1 GET ASSURANCE OF INITIATIVES TO REDUCE PLAN COSTS AND IMPROVE
2 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, PARTICULARLY URGENT CARE. LOCAL 660 IS
3 PLEASED WITH THE KAISER PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES A COMMITMENT TO
4 THE OPENING OF A NEW AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY IN SOUTH LOS
5 ANGELES AND TARGETING CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR LOCAL 660
6 KAISER SUBSCRIBERS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN KAISER'S
7 DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS. LOCAL 660 WILL
8 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PACIFICARE AND KAISER ALONG WITH COUNTY
9 REPRESENTATIVES TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT OUR HEALTH, INSURANCE
10 COST MITIGATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. WE WILL CONTINUE THE
11 UNION'S COMMUNICATION PROGRAM TO EDUCATE OUR MEMBERS AS TO HOW
12 TO REDUCE THE HIGH COST OF HEALTHCARE BY IMPROVING HEALTHY
13 BEHAVIOR AND THROUGH THE USE OF APPROPRIATE PREVENTIVE
14 MEASURES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE KAISER'S ADMINISTRATION
15 AND CLINICAL MANAGEMENT TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS REGARDING THE
16 PROPOSED SOUTH LOS ANGELES AMBULATORY FACILITY AND THE MANAGED
17 CARE ENHANCEMENTS. LOCAL 660 ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO IMPROVED
18 COORDINATION WITH COUNTY MANAGEMENT REGARDING THE COUNTY'S
19 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAMS. WE ASK THAT YOUR BOARD JOIN US IN
20 THESE EFFORTS AND BUILD A HEALTHIER AND PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
24 TO MEET WITH THE COMMITTEE. I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE
25 LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN. IT'S A WONDERFUL THING



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1 THAT SHOULD BE GOING ON WITH ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEE GROUPS OR
2 EVEN ON BEHALF OF OUR EMPLOYEES BECAUSE I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS
3 A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA WHERE
4 THEY'RE WILLING TO ASSESS THEMSELVES FOR EVERY EMERGENCY ROOM
5 VISIT, SO YOU SHOULD BE COMMENDED. YOU DID A GOOD JOB ON THAT,
6 THAT PROJECT AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO AT LEAST BRING
7 DOWN THE ESCALATING COST. I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT AND YOUR
8 WORK ON THAT. VERY GOOD. MR. ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS FOR YOU OR FOR THE
11 C.A.O. BUT FOR THE 2007 CONTRACT, MR. JANSSEN, ACUPUNCTURE IS
12 COVERED WITH BLUE CROSS, IT'S NOT COVERED WITH KAISER AND ALSO
13 ACUPUNCTURE SHOULD BE PAID AT A MINIMUM, THE SAME LEVEL AS
14 CHIROPRACTIC CARE, WHICH IS COVERED IN FULL AND UP TO 15
15 VISITS. SO THERE'S STILL A BIAS IN LONG-TERM ESTABLISHED FORM
16 OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE, AND I BELIEVE YOU
17 DO A DISSERVICE TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DENIED THAT
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT TYPE OF TREATMENT. AND, AGAIN, BLUE CROSS
19 DOES COVER A PORTION OF THAT, KAISER DOESN'T. SO IN THE NEXT
20 NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S 2007 CONTRACT, I SUGGEST THAT WE
21 COULD DO THAT.

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23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, SUPERVISOR. I
24 UNDERSTAND THAT KAISER, IN ITS WELLNESS PROGRAM, WILL COVER



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1 25% OF THE COST OF ACUPUNCTURE, BUT IT'S OUTSIDE OF THE KAISER
2 FACILITIES, BUT THERE IS THAT PIECE OF IT THERE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD SIMPLY URGE THAT WE MAKE SURE WE GET THE
7 UTILIZATION RATES FROM KAISER. I KEEP REMEMBERING THAT, I
8 THINK IT WAS IN SAN DIEGO WITH THE SHERIFFS THERE, WHEN THEY
9 WERE ABLE TO LOOK AT HOW MUCH UTILIZATION THERE WAS IN THE
10 EMERGENCY ROOM AND THEY SET UP A SYSTEM OF WHERE IT WAS
11 DISCOURAGED TO COME THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ROOM, WHAT THEY
12 FOUND IS THAT THE UTILIZATION CHANGED IN TERMS OF THE AMOUNT
13 OF UTILIZATION AND, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, PEOPLE MADE
14 APPOINTMENTS AND THEY SET UP MECHANISMS WHERE PEOPLE COULD GET
15 TREATMENT. SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET THE
16 UTILIZATION INFORMATION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT S.E.I.U. FOUND IN
19 THEIR ASSESSMENT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** 1014 DID THE SAME THING.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND SO I'LL MOVE IT.



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2 **RAMON RUBALCAVA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AGAIN. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT,
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
6 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

7

8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND THIS WOULD INCLUDE ITEM 59, THE
9 ORDINANCE?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, THAT'S RIGHT, THE APPROPRIATE
12 ORDINANCE. THAT IS ALSO INCLUSIVE OF ITEM NUMBER 59.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL CALL ITEM 62.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 62. HARRY P. LEVIN. MR. LEVIN, WOULD YOU
17 JOIN US?

18

19 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** I BELIEVE THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING. I
20 NEED TO SWEAR IN ANY WITNESSES. IS THERE ANYBODY THAT WILL BE
21 HERE TO TESTIFY UNDER ITEM 62 OR 63, PLEASE STAND. [
22 ADMINISTERING OATH]

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THANK YOU.

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1 **HARRY P. LEVIN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS HARRY LEVIN,
2 HARRY P. LEVIN AND I'M HERE TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS HONORABLE
3 BOARD DIRECT THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL TO REGISTER AN
4 ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN DIFFERENT
5 DISCIPLINES, ESPECIALLY ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS. THE CHIEF
6 BUILDING OFFICIAL SHOULD PUBLISH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS
7 AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL INSPECTIONS. HE SHOULD NOT ASSIGN ANY
8 PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL, AS THAT WOULD BE BROKERING A BUSINESS
9 TRANSACTION. SUCH ACTION IS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY FOR 7
10 REASONS: 1, THIS INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTY IS HOME TO A LARGE
11 NUMBER OF HIGH TECH INDUSTRIES, WHICH ARE RAPIDLY EXPANDING.
12 SPECIAL EXPERTISE IS REQUIRED TO ADEQUATELY PERFORM
13 INSPECTIONS AT THESE FACILITIES. SPECIAL INSPECTORS CAN
14 PROVIDE THIS EXPERTISE. 2, AN ADEQUATE RESOURCE OF HIGHLY
15 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY. 3, THE
16 SERVICES OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY AT NO
17 COST, BECAUSE OWNERS PAY FOR SPECIAL INSPECTIONS. 4, NO
18 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WOULD BE INCURRED BY THE COUNTY. NONE.
19 BECAUSE CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
20 REGISTRATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PASS THE SPECIAL
21 EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
22 ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS AND PAY FOR THEM AND I HAVE ASKED A
23 DOCUMENT TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SUPERVISORS THAT EXPLAINS AT
24 THE BOTTOM IN BLUE PRINT WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT ARE AND
25 HOW THAT COMES ABOUT. AND, INCIDENTALLY, THESE EXAMINATIONS



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1 ARE NOT CHEAP. THEY WOULD COST EACH CANDIDATE SOMETHING EITHER
2 250 OR \$500. 5, THE COUNTY WOULD INCUR NO LIABILITIES BECAUSE
3 SPECIAL INSPECTORS ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS THAT ARE
4 REQUIRED TO CARRY THEIR OWN INSURANCES. 6, EXISTING CODES, THE
5 EXISTING COUNTY CODE PROVIDES FOR SPECIAL ELECTRICAL
6 INSPECTORS. 7, COUNTY REVENUES WOULD BE ENHANCED BECAUSE THE
7 REPORT REVIEW FEES THAT ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY CODE, THEY
8 ARE IN THE CODE-- IN THE CODE SCHEDULE, THEY WOULD BE
9 COLLECTED FOR SPECIAL INSPECTIONS. AND I SAY THAT IT WOULD BE
10 A SHAME TO ELIMINATE THIS USEFUL AND REVENUE-PRODUCING PROGRAM
11 ALREADY PROVIDED FOR IN THE CODE AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THE
12 BUILDING OFFICIAL SHOULD PERCEIVE AS A THREAT. HE SHOULD
13 WELCOME IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS
16 BEFORE US. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

19

20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND THAT'S TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE
23 THE AMENDMENTS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 63.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 63.

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4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THAT IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT
5 TO TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR SERVICES
6 CHARGED BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR THE
7 ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE REGULAR CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE LICENSE
8 FROM \$12 TO \$30.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY DEPARTMENT THAT
11 IS TESTIFYING ON THAT? IS THERE ANYONE HERE THAT WANTS TO
12 SPEAK ON THE PUBLIC HEARING? NOT ON THAT ITEM? ALL RIGHT.
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT
14 WE CLOSE THE HEARING AND THAT WE APPROVE THE INCREASE IN FEES
15 FOR THAT ITEM. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 29.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 29 HAS BEEN HELD BY
20 MR. BAXTER. IF YOU'D JOIN US, MR. BAXTER.

21

22 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
23 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND
24 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS
25 AGENDA ITEM IS BASED UPON THE PRESENT METHOD OF FIGHTING FIRE.



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1 THE HONORABLE MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH, AT THE AUGUST 23RD, 2005
2 HEARING, KINDLY ASKED ME TO INDICATE WHERE THE RESEARCH WAS TO
3 BE FOUND IN THE MATTER OF STEAM VERSUS WATER IN FIGHTING FIRE.
4 IN YESTERDAY'S "LOS ANGELES TIMES" OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2005, TIMES
5 STAFF WRITERS MISS AMANDA KOVARUVIUS AND MISS CHONG REPORT
6 THAT, ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2005, FIRE KILLS FIVE CHILDREN
7 IN CARSON. IN THE BODY OF THE REPORT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
8 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR ANDREW OLVERA, SPEAKING AS A
9 SPOKESPERSON FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS QUOTED THUS, I'M
10 QUOTING INSPECTOR ANDREW OLVERA: "IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR
11 ANYONE TO GET UP THERE UNLESS THEY WERE A FIREFIGHTER WITH A
12 FIRE HOSE." THAT'S THE END OF THE QUOTATION. THIS STATEMENT OF
13 INSPECTOR ANDREW OLVERA DOES NOT REFER TO THE PROBABILITY OF
14 THE USE OF STEAM IN REACHING THE MOST REMOTE PARTS OF THE
15 HOUSE ON FIRE. THE STATEMENT OF INSPECTOR ANDREW OLVERA DOES
16 NOT GIVE AN ESTIMATE OF THE COMPETENCE OF STEAM TO PUT OUT A
17 FIRE AND TO DRIVE ALL SMOKE FROM THE FIRE SCENE. IT IS SMOKE
18 THAT IS LETHAL, EVEN WHEN A VICTIM IS PULLED OUT OF A FIRE,
19 AND YET NO EFFORT IS DIRECTED TOWARDS ELIMINATING SMOKE AS A
20 CRUCIAL POLICY OF FIGHTING FIRE. AND THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY
21 STEAM VERSUS-- IT COULD JUST AS EASILY BE STEAM PLUS. SO
22 WHATEVER THEY'RE DOING NOW FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS PLUS STEAM. I
23 SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE REPORTS INVESTIGATING FIRE, THEY DO
24 NOT CONSIDER USE OF STEAM FOR FIREFIGHTING AND THIS YOUNG GIRL
25 WAS PULLED OUT, TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND SHE DIED IN THE



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1 HOSPITAL AND I'M SUGGESTING TO YOU THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE A
2 CHANCE BECAUSE, AS SOON AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REACHED THAT
3 FIRE, THEY COULD HAVE PUMPED STEAM INTO THAT BURNING BUILDING
4 AND, BY DOING SO, THEY WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED ANY OXYGEN FROM
5 COMING INTO THAT BUILDING BECAUSE, AS STEAM IS AT A HIGHER
6 PRESSURE THAN THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE, THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE
7 JUST CANNOT COME IN AND WE DO NOT TRY ANYTHING AND THE
8 SUPERVISOR FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, HE KNOWS WHAT I'M TALKING
9 ABOUT, BECAUSE HE ASKED ME ABOUT IT AND I JUST BRING THIS TO
10 YOUR KIND ATTENTION, MADAM CHAIR, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY
11 SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM
14 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL ITEM 64.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL.

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 64-F, HAVING-- 64, OH.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS ON ITEM NUMBER 64.

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, I'M CONCERNED THAT THAT ITEM IS
2 BROUGHT AT THIS TIME, SINCE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A CLOSURE OF
3 MULTIPLE UNITS AT KING DREW, TO GO TO THE KIND OF EXPENSE
4 SUGGESTED IN THAT ITEM IS QUITE CONCERNING AND I THINK, AGAIN,
5 WE ARE PUTTING THE CARRIAGE BEFORE THE HORSES. I THINK IT
6 WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW HOW MANY UNITS ARE GOING TO STAY OPEN
7 AND WHY PUTTING THAT MUCH MONEY IF THE INTENT IS TO CLOSE THAT
8 HOSPITAL.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE GET A REPORT ON THIS
11 ITEM? THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 64. THIS IS ON ALL OF THE
12 IMPROVEMENTS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. DR. GARTHWAITE?

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT WOULD BE NICE TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC
15 TO SPEAK AFTER THE REPORT. THAT WOULD BE A MATTER OF COURTESY
16 AND THE APPROPRIATE THING TO DO. THANK YOU.

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18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THIS IS A JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH
19 REGARDS TO MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER
20 THAT WE BELIEVE ARE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE
21 AND INFECTION CONTROL AND A VARIETY OF OTHER ISSUES. WHEN
22 NAVIGANT CAME IN, THEY HAD JOINT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS
23 THAT HAD SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE
24 OPERATING ROOM. THEY ALSO DID A MORE IN-DEPTH ASSESSMENT, BOTH
25 OF THE OPERATING ROOM ISSUES AND THROUGHOUT THE MEDICAL



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1 CENTER. AND TWO THINGS REALLY JUMPED OUT. ONE WAS THAT THE
2 AREA ROOM IN THE OPERATING ROOM NEEDED TO BE-- THE OPERATING
3 ROOM NEEDED TO BE MODERNIZED. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE
4 DRAINPIPES THAT HAD LEAKED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. EVENTUALLY,
5 AFTER A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND AND ANALYZE THE
6 PROBLEMS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE DRAINAGE PIPES THROUGHOUT THE
7 CENTRAL CORE OF THE BUILDING WERE INADEQUATE AND HAD THINNED
8 ENOUGH THAT LEAKAGE WAS GOING TO BE A CONTINUOUS PROBLEM. SO A
9 BIG PART OF THE COSTS OF THIS PROJECT IS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE
10 AND THE PLUMBING. ONCE THE CORE IS TAKEN DOWN AND THE CARE IS
11 BEING MOVED ABOUT AND RELOCATED THROUGHOUT THE MEDICAL CENTER
12 SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE CARE, WE BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT TO
13 ALSO BRING UP TO DATE SOME OF THE OTHER OLDER SYSTEMS THAT
14 ARE-- ALSO HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS, INCLUDING STEAM LINES AND
15 SOME ADDITIONAL WASTE LINES. SO MUCH OF WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS
16 WITH REGARDS TO THE CENTRAL CORE, THE OPERATING ROOM SUITES
17 ABOVE AND BELOW THAT AND SOME OF THE AIR HANDLER UNITS AND
18 OTHER UTILITIES IN THAT AREA. THE SECOND LARGE PIECE RELATES
19 TO THE HAWKINS BUILDING, IS WHERE PSYCHIATRY WARDS ARE AND
20 THIS IS ALSO A JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION ISSUE IN THAT
21 MANY OF THE ROOMS WERE NOT SUICIDE PROOFED AND SO WE NEED TO
22 PUT IN HARD CEILINGS AND CHANGE OUT A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT
23 BATHROOM FIXTURES AND SPRINKLER UNITS AND SO FORTH. SO, IN
24 DOING THAT AND PUTTING IN HARD CEILINGS, WE ALSO NOTED THERE
25 THAT WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH DRAINAGE FROM THE ROOF. AND SO THE



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1 COMBINATION HERE IS TO REPLACE AND BRACE VARIOUS WATERLINE
2 REPLACEMENT STORM DRAIN PIPING AND A VARIETY OF OTHER THINGS
3 IN THE HAWKINS BUILDING IN ANTICIPATION OF PUTTING IN HARD
4 CEILINGS IN THE PSYCHIATRIC UNITS. THE TOTAL COST IS \$32
5 MILLION. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE UPDATING OF ADDITIONAL UNITS
6 IN-- I'M SORRY, IN-- ADDITIONAL UTILITIES IN OTHER PARTS OF
7 THE MAIN BUILDING IN THE NON-CORE AREAS AND WE WOULD LOOK TO
8 COME BACK TO DO THAT IN A PHASE II PLAN. WE PRESENTED THIS TO
9 THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD LAST WEEK AND I DON'T KNOW IF
10 HECTOR WANTED TO TALK ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR DELIBERATION.

11

12 **HECTOR FLORES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HECTOR FLORES. I'M THE CHAIR
13 OF THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD. AND I'M HERE JUST TO REPORT
14 THE-- OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
15 AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS IN MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION. WE
16 HAD A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE H.A.B. ON SEPTEMBER THE 2ND, AND
17 WE VOTED TO APPROVE A RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD TO APPROVE
18 THESE ITEMS. WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT THEY'RE A CRITICAL
19 PIECE OF THE FUTURE OF THE MEDICAL CENTER IN ANY OF ITS FORMS
20 AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT'S A NECESSARY PART OF OUR
21 INVOLVEMENT, NOT ONLY IN THIS PARTICULAR PHASE BUT IN THE
22 SECOND PHASE THAT DR. GARTHWAITE REFERRED TO, WHICH IS IN THE
23 NON-CORE AREAS, SO WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS.

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD IS THAT WE
2 ANTICIPATE THAT, IF WE DON'T GET STARTED IN THE FAIRLY NEAR
3 FUTURE, THAT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL UPWARD COST PRESSURES ON
4 PRODUCTS MADE FROM OIL AND INCREASED COMPETITION FOR BUILDING
5 SUPPLIES, WHICH IS DRIVING UP COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, I THINK.
6 SO WE HAVE-- THE SOONER WE GET GOING ON THIS, THE BETTER WE
7 ARE IN TERMS FELT OVERALL COST OF THE PROJECT. WE DO HAVE OUR
8 O.S.H.P.A.D. PERMITS READY TO GO AND WE BELIEVE THAT HAVING
9 COMMITMENT TO PERFORM THESE OPERATIONS AND HAVING THEM UNDER
10 WAY WILL BE HELPFUL BOTH IN OUR J.C.A.H.O. AND C.M.S. SURVEYS
11 LATER THIS YEAR.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY QUESTION, DR. GARTHWAITE, IS YOU HAD
16 ADMINISTRATORS SIGNING OFF THAT THESE ROOMS WERE APPROPRIATE
17 AND YET, AS YOU STATED, THEY WEREN'T SUICIDE-PROOFED, THEY
18 WERE INJURIOUS TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS IN A MENTAL MELTDOWN
19 STATE TO BEGIN WITH, PLACING THEM IN THAT FACILITY, AND YET
20 YOU HAD ADMINISTRATORS SIGNING OFF THAT EVERYTHING WAS OKAY.
21 YOU HAD ADMINISTRATORS SIGNING OFF THAT THE EMERGENCY ROOM WAS
22 ADEQUATE AND YET THE CEILING IS FALLING IN, THE ACID HAS
23 ROTTED THE PIPES TO THE SINK, WHICH WAS CREATING A HAZARDOUS
24 SUBSTANCE FOR THE EMPLOYEES, ALONG WITH THE PATIENT HAVING THE
25 SURGERY. WHAT TYPE OF ACCOUNTABILITY DO YOU HAVE FOR THE



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1 ADMINISTRATORS WHO SIGNED OFF THAT THE ROOMS WERE APPROPRIATE
2 FOR SURGERIES AND FOR MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS?

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL...

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN RENDERED TO
7 THOSE PEOPLE FOR ALLOWING THAT TO HAPPEN?

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9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, IN TERMS OF ANY
10 MORE RECENT OPERATING ROOM DEFICIENCIES, WE'VE CHANGED OUT THE
11 ENTIRE MANAGEMENT OF KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. SECONDLY, IN
12 TERMS OF WHAT'S A SUICIDE PROOF ROOM, I THINK THAT HAS
13 GRADUALLY CHANGED, THOSE STANDARDS HAVE GRADUALLY CHANGED OVER
14 TIME AND WE NEED TO UPDATE AND MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR ROOMS
15 MEET THOSE STANDARDS. I WOULD TELL YOU AS RECENTLY AS ABOUT 2-
16 1/2 TO 3 YEARS AGO, ACCREDITORS WHO TOURED THE FACILITY AND
17 REVIEWED MANY OF THOSE AREAS DID NOT CITE THOSE PARTICULAR
18 INSTANCES, SO IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE, WITH THE MYRIAD OF
19 DIFFERENT STANDARDS WITHIN A HOSPITAL, THAT, YOU KNOW, AND
20 STANDARDS KEEP CHANGING, THEY KEEP GETTING UPGRADED AND
21 IMPROVED AS WE LEARN FROM PATIENTS THAT DO COMMIT SUICIDE THAT
22 CERTAIN TYPES OF SPRINKLER HEADS, FOR INSTANCE, IT IS POSSIBLE
23 TO HANG YOURSELF FROM.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT THE NAVIGANT AUDIT REPORTED-- AND I'LL
2 QUOTE SPECIFICALLY AND SO THIS ISN'T SOMETHING NEW.
3 "ELECTRICAL OVER BED LIGHTS, MOSTLY DAMAGED THAT SHOULD BE
4 REMOVED. DOORS TO CLOSETS ARE REMOVABLE, AND THAT CAN BE USED
5 AS WEAPONS. WASHROOMS WITH NUMEROUS GRAB BARS, FAUCET, EXPOSED
6 PLUMBING PIPE, TOILET TISSUE HOLDERS HAZARDS, REMOVABLE
7 CEILING TILE, SHOULD BE SOLID CEILING, AND ELECTRICAL OUTLETS
8 IN WALLS SHOULD BE BLANKET OVER WITH TAMPERPROOF SCREWS. IN
9 WARD D, REMODELED ROOMS, THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS EXIST,
10 WASHROOMS WITH PLUMBING PIPING AND FAUCET HANDLES HAZARDS,
11 MIRRORS NOT RECESSED AND REMOVABLE FROM WALL, DOORS TO CLOSETS
12 ARE REMOVABLE AND CAN BE USED AS WEAPONS." JUST A NORMAL
13 ADMINISTRATOR SITE INSPECTION WOULD DETERMINE THAT WE HAVE A
14 PROBLEM AND YET SOMEHOW THEY GET PROMOTED? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
15 HOW THEY'RE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

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17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE HAVE REPLACED THE PLANT MANAGER.
18 WE'VE RECENTLY HIRED MICHAEL HENDERSON TO BE THE NEW PLANT
19 MANAGER. WE BELIEVE HE'S A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT AND IS
20 REALLY GOING TO DO A GOOD JOB FOR US. WE'VE...

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PREVIOUS MANAGER? WHAT
23 DISCIPLINE WAS GIVEN TO THAT INDIVIDUAL?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK I CAN PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT.

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SO WE CHANGED THE C.E.O. OF THE
5 ORGANIZATION AND THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE
6 ORGANIZATION, SO EVERYBODY IN THAT CHAIN OF COMMAND HAS BEEN
7 REPLACED. WE DON'T FIND THAT LEAVING THESE THINGS ALONE IS
8 ACCEPTABLE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY TO MAKE SURE THAT, AS I
13 UNDERSTAND IT, THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WE'RE APPROVING TODAY
14 IS THE OPERATING ROOM, THE PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOM IN THE
15 INPATIENT UNIT AND THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$32 MILLION AND
16 THAT IS IN THE BUDGET?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 34. 34 MIL.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** 34 MILLION. ARE THESE PROJECTS ALREADY FUNDED IN
21 THE BUDGET?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** DAVID?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOT THAT I KNOW OF. DAVID, ARE THESE
3 ALREADY FUNDED IN THE BUDGET?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** THESE PROJECTS THAT...

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE MONEY HAS BEEN-- IN JUNE, THE BOARD SET
8 THE MONEY ASIDE FOR THE PROJECTS, SO IT IS INCLUDED.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE BEEN TOLD 32 AND SHE SAID 34.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, MY TOTAL SAYS 34. IS IT 32 OR 34
15 MIL?

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17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THOUGHT 32.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. 32 MIL?

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21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I BELIEVE, YES.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE THESE ALL WARRANTED BY C.M.S. AND
24 J.C.A.H.O.? THESE IMPROVEMENTS? I KNOW THE PSYCH ONES ARE.

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, I THINK-- THEY DIDN'T SAY, THAT
2 "YOU HAVE TO FIX THE DRAIN TILES," BUT IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT,
3 AS WE'VE LOOKED AT WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO WITH IMPROVING THE
4 OPERATING ROOM SUITE, WHICH HAS BEEN CITED FOR SEVERAL ISSUES,
5 THAT TO DO THAT WITHOUT FIXING THESE-- TO REMODEL THAT AREA
6 WITHOUT FIXING THE FUNDAMENTAL PIPES AND THE CEILING ABOVE
7 THAT HAVE LEAKED SEVERAL TIMES WOULD BE NOT JUDICIOUS.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHEN...

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11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ALSO, I'D JUST ADD THAT THE AIR HANDLER
12 PIECE IS-- WE HAVE FAIRLY OLD AIR HANDLER UNITS AND THE
13 STANDARDS FOR AIR IN HOSPITALS ARE INCREASING AS MORE AND MORE
14 DATA SHOWS THAT THAT'S A SOURCE OF SOME HOSPITAL-BORNE
15 INFECTIONS.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND I CAN UNDERSTAND SOME OF THIS BUT, AS
18 I EXPRESSED TO YOU EARLIER, I'M CONCERNED NOT SO MUCH ABOUT
19 THE MONEY ASPECT OF IT, ALTHOUGH IT IS A CHUNK OF CHANGE, I'M
20 REALLY CONCERNED AS TO HOW THIS HAPPENED. BECAUSE MY
21 ASSUMPTION IS, IS THAT SOMEBODY PUTS STUFF DOWN THE PIPES THAT
22 SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN THERE AND MY ASSUMPTION WOULD BE
23 THAT IT WOULD BE MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER. BUT
24 YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE?

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE INDIVIDUAL-- THE
2 EXPERTS WHO LOOKED AT THE PIPES SUGGESTED THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE
3 BEEN IN THE CONDITION THAT WE FIND THEM IN FOR THIS AGE-- FOR
4 THEIR AGE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO KIDDING.

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8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND SO WHETHER THAT MEANS THAT SOME
9 CHEMICAL WAS DUMPED IN THE PIPES THAT ERODED INTO THE PIPES,
10 WHICH I, YOU KNOW, I'M NO-- CHEMISTRY IS A LONG TIME AGO FOR
11 ME BUT I THINK THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME KIND OF AN ACID AND
12 WHERE THEY FOUND THAT EROSION IN THE PIPES AND I DON'T KNOW IF
13 ANYONE HERE IS EXPERT ENOUGH TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THAT BUT I
14 COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO TELL ME THAT THE PATTERN OF EROSION
15 MADE SENSE WITH WHERE OUR LABORATORIES WERE, WHERE OUR
16 OPERATING ROOMS WERE AND THE KIND OF CHEMICALS THAT WE KNOW
17 EXISTED IN THOSE AREAS. SO ALTHOUGH THAT'S A SPECULATION, WHEN
18 YOU ASK THE SPECIFIC QUESTION, WHAT WAS THE CHEMICAL? WAS IT
19 USED IN THAT AREA, WHEN AND HOW? I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET
20 GOOD ANSWERS TO THAT YET.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT DR. GARTHWAITE, WHAT CONCERNS ME IS
23 WE'RE GOING TO SPEND \$32 MILLION AND A GOOD DEAL OF IT IS
24 BECAUSE OF THESE ISSUES, BECAUSE THAT'S SORT OF THE BIGGEST
25 COST IN EACH OF THEM ARE THESE PIPES. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT,



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1 IF YOU WERE SABOTAGED, LET'S SAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WON'T
2 HAPPEN AFTER YOU FIX IT?

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING TO SEE WHETHER
5 THERE ARE TOXIC OR CHEMICALS THAT MIGHT ERODE PIPES IN THE
6 OPERATING ROOM, FOR INSTANCE, OR OTHER AREAS THAT ARE IN THE
7 CENTRAL CORE OF THE BUILDING WHERE THIS PROBLEM IS THE WORST
8 AND, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY THIS WE WOULD THINK
9 WOULD BE, YOU KNOW, THAT TOXIC TO THESE PIPES BUT WE WILL
10 REVIEW THAT. KEEP IN MIND ALSO THAT WE'VE TAKEN OVER 600
11 PERSONNEL ACTIONS, SO WE DO HAVE A SIGNIFICANTLY, I THINK,
12 FEWER INDIVIDUALS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER WHO MIGHT BE PRONE TO
13 THAT KIND OF ACTIVITY IF IT WAS ON PURPOSE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I GUESS THAT'S A CONCERN THAT I HAVE
16 AS WELL. AND I JUST-- EVERY TIME WE DO THIS, WE NEVER LOOK AT
17 WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT WAS WRONG, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN. WE ALWAYS
18 JUST SAY, "OH, LET'S GO FIX IT AGAIN." IT'S JUST LIKE PEOPLE
19 WHO HAVE, YOU KNOW, DESTRUCTIVE CHILDREN THAT KEEP DESTROYING
20 THINGS AND THEN EVERYBODY JUST FIXES IT WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE
21 ROOT CAUSE OF MAYBE, YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT TO ADDRESS THIS
22 ISSUE. MY CONCERN IS THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY AND I'M SURE
23 THAT IT'S ONLY ONE-THIRD OF THE COST. I'VE BEEN AROUND
24 ESTIMATES AROUND HERE AT THE COUNTY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME
25 AND I'M SURE WE'LL SEE THIS ESCALATE TO 60 MILLION AND 90



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1 MILLION EVENTUALLY AND WE STILL WON'T BE DONE. I'VE SEEN IT
2 HAPPEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN. BUT THE REALITY IS, IS THAT IT
3 DOESN'T ALSO TELL ME WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. I MEAN, DO YOU HAVE
4 ILL-PREPARED DOCTORS AND SURGEONS AND OTHERS THAT ARE-- I
5 MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S MEDICAL WASTE THAT IS DOING THIS
6 BUT THIS IS PRETTY SERIOUS FOR A BUILDING THAT ISN'T ALL THAT
7 OLD.

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY
10 MEDICAL WASTE THAT WOULD EAT AWAY AT CAST IRON PIPE. CERTAINLY
11 THE LAB, OF COURSE, WOULD USE SOME STRONGER AGENTS IN THEIR
12 TESTING, THEY WOULD HAVE MORE CONCENTRATED HYDROCHLORIC OR
13 SULFURIC ACIDS, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE LAB HAS BEEN
14 LOCATED IN THE AREA THAT DRAINS INTO THE CENTRAL CORE OF THE
15 BUILDING.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO OTHER HOSPITALS HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM OR
18 IS THIS THE ONLY ONE?

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20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NOT THAT WE'RE AWARE OF, NO.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT GIVES CREDENCE TO WHAT SUPERVISOR
23 MOLINA IS SAYING.

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, IT COULD ALSO GIVE CREDENCE TO
2 THE PIPES NOT BEING AS BOUGHT WHEN THEY WERE GOOD, SOME
3 DEFECTIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESS. I OWNED A HOME THAT HAD
4 DEFECTIVE MANUFACTURED PIPES AND I TELL YOU THAT, YOU KNOW,
5 ONCE YOU HAVE IT, YOU HAVE IT, YOU GOT TO FIX IT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND BUT YOU ALSO SHOULD KNOW WHY
8 YOU HAVE IT OR IT'LL HAPPEN AGAIN. HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT THE
9 GUY IS NOT GOING TO PUT IN THE SAME KIND OF PIPING? IF YOU
10 JUST SAID THAT. MY ISSUE IS, I MEAN, IT DOESN'T TAKE THAT MUCH
11 TO JUST TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF WHATEVER THE LINING OF THAT
12 PIPE IS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT CONTAMINATED OR WHAT CREATED THAT
13 KIND OF PROBLEM. IT'S JUST FASCINATING TO ME. EVERY SINGLE
14 TIME WE PUT A FIX INTO THIS, WE THINK IT'S A FIX AND THEN, IF
15 WE GO DOWN THE LINE, WE FIND OUT IT'S REALLY NOT THE FIX. I'VE
16 BEEN FINDING OUT THAT NOT ACCEPTING THE ANSWERS THAT Y'ALL
17 GIVE ME BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT COMPLETE HAS BEEN A REAL PROBLEM.
18 LATER ON I FIND OUT, OH, NO, THAT WASN'T GOING TO BE THE
19 ENTIRE COST, IT WAS GOING TO MEAN THIS AND THAT. I DON'T KNOW
20 WHAT'S HIDDEN IN HERE. BUT I TOLD YOU BEFORE, AS I SAID, I
21 SAID, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PLANT MANAGER. WHAT WAS WRONG WITH
22 THE PLANT MANAGER BEFORE? WHAT DID HE DO? WHAT DO ALL THE
23 EMPLOYEES DO? I MEAN, YOU MIGHT HAVE PEOPLE BRINGING STUFF
24 FROM HOME AND SHOVING IT DOWN THE PIPES ALL DAY LONG. YOU HAD
25 A MORTICIAN WHO WORKED FOR YOU PART TIME THAT STEALS, WHAT DO



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1 YOU CALL IT, FUNERAL BLOCKS. HOW DO I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE A
2 MORTICIAN THAT COMES DOWN AND USES YOUR PIPES TO GET RID OF
3 ANY KIND OF ACID OR ANYTHING THAT THEY MAY USE SO THEY DON'T
4 HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT? I JUST DON'T KNOW. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
5 GOING ON. THIS IS SUCH A STRANGE SITUATION AND ALL I KNOW IS
6 THAT THIS 32 MILLION, I'M SURE, BY THE END OF THIS YEAR OR BY
7 THE TIME WE CONTRACT THIS SUCKER OUT, IS GOING TO BE AT LEAST
8 10 TO \$15 MILLION MORE. AND THEN...

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM SUGGESTING BUT I AM
13 SUGGESTING THIS AND I WANT TO KNOW, WHAT IS IT THAT WE MUST DO
14 IN ORDER FOR J.C.A.H.O. AND C.M.S. ACCREDITATION? AND WHAT IS
15 IT THAT WE NEED TO DO TO THE EXTENT-- I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS
16 HAS BEEN REVIEWED TO THAT EXTENT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT
17 CAUSED IT. I THINK IT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION. I DON'T THINK IT
18 WOULD BE THAT HARD TO SEND IN SOMEBODY TO TAKE A BORING-- TO
19 SCRAPE THE PIPE AND FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED IT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZARDOUS UNIT
22 THAT COULD EXPAND ON WHAT TYPE OF CHEMICAL WAS INVOLVED
23 BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO EXAMINE CHEMICALS WHEN THEY RESPOND TO
24 FIRES ALL THE TIME.

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED YEARS AGO.

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3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CERTAINLY CAN DO THAT BUT IT DOESN'T
4 ADDRESS THE ISSUE BEFORE YOU OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE GOING TO
5 FIX IT. I MEAN, WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED IT, MAYBE, BUT
6 NOT-- MY STAFF IS TELLING ME THAT MANY OF THESE ITEMS, THE
7 DEPARTMENT AND THE HOSPITAL HAVE BEEN ASKING TO BE REPLACED
8 FOR 7 OR 8 YEARS AND WE HAVE NEVER HAD THE MONEY OR THE
9 RESOURCES BECAUSE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CRISIS AT
10 LEAST FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS TO DO. NOW, I DON'T KNOW, AS I'M
11 SITTING HERE, WHETHER THE CORROSIVE PIPES WERE PART OF THAT
12 BUT ALL OF OUR FACILITIES HAVE HAD REQUESTS FOR YEARS THAT WE
13 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FUND, SO THIS COULD HAVE EXISTED VERY
14 WELL 7 YEARS AGO.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, TELL ME, DR. GARTHWAITE...

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18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND IT'S ONLY-- AND J.C.A.H.O. HAS NOT CITED
19 IT BEFORE. I MEAN, WE CAN'T LET J.C.A.H.O. OFF SCOT-FREE.
20 THEY'VE BEEN APPROVING THIS FACILITY FOR YEARS. RIGHT? AND ALL
21 OF A SUDDEN-- SO, YES, WE CAN CERTAINLY TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT
22 CAUSED IT BUT IT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. WE THINK THIS IS A MINIMUM
23 OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THE \$32 MILLION, EVEN THOUGH
24 J.C.A.H.O. ONLY CITED A PORTION OF IT, IT'S GOING TO TAKE 32
25 MILLION TO REALLY DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. AND, FURTHER, WE'VE



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1 INDICATED SINCE JUNE THAT THERE'S ANOTHER \$31 MILLION THAT WE
2 THINK OUGHT TO BE DONE AS WELL.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT'S UTILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE...

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SO THIS IS THE FIRST STEP. EXCUSE ME?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S UTILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND WE'RE TALKING
9 ABOUT...

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11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES. NO, IT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE AND WE WILL
12 HAVE TO COME BACK BUT THIS ISN'T ALL THERE IS. NOW, WE FEEL
13 PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THE COST OF THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. IT'S
14 GOING TO BE DONE THROUGH JOB ORDER CONTRACTS. WE DON'T HAVE TO
15 GO OUT TO A CONTRACTOR AND BID. WE HAVE CONTINGENCIES INCLUDED
16 BUT THE LONGER-- OBVIOUSLY, THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE MORE IT'S
17 GOING TO COST. WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF
18 KATRINA ON THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, FOR EXAMPLE. IN
19 ANY EVENT, WE REALLY THINK WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS
20 PROJECT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S THROW IT ALL UP IN THE AIR, RIGHT?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** EVERYTHING INTO THE...

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT, AGAIN, I MEAN, WHEN WAS THIS-- WHEN
2 THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE LEAKING AND THEY FIXED THE LEAKING
3 BEFORE, DID ANYBODY REPORT IT AT THAT TIME? MR. JANSSEN JUST
4 SAID THESE REPORTS...

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK AT LEAST SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS AGO. I
7 DON'T...

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 7 YEARS AGO. SO THEY KNEW THERE WAS
10 SOMETHING CORRODING THE PIPES.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I'M NOT SURE THEY KNEW THAT CORROSION
13 WAS THE ISSUE BECAUSE NOBODY, UNTIL THEY PULLED THEM OUT,
14 LOOKED INSIDE THE PIPE. THEY KNEW THERE WAS A PROBLEM. BUT,
15 UNTIL RECENTLY, I GUESS, IS THAT RIGHT, JAN, THAT WE DIDN'T
16 PULL THE PIPES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEY JUST TAPED IT?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** PROBABLY. THEY MADE DO.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SOUNDS LIKE MY DAD'S PLUMBING REPAIRS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WORKS. FOR AWHILE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WORKS!

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3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** UNTIL YOU HAVE A DISASTER AND THEN IT DOESN'T.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW BUT-- IS THAT TRUE, THAT THESE
6 REQUESTS WERE MADE? DO YOU KNOW THAT, DR. GARTHWAITE?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE. I CAN
9 CHECK.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD LINE, DAVID.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MY STAFF IS TELLING ME, SUPERVISOR, THAT
14 THEY'VE HAD REQUESTS, OBVIOUSLY FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF
15 SOME MAGNITUDE-- THE WHOLE COUNTY, FOR A PERIOD OF THE '90S,
16 WAS UNABLE TO DO MAJOR MAINTENANCE IN ANY OF ITS FACILITIES
17 BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET PROBLEMS.

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I HAVE NO QUESTION THAT WE'VE HAD, YOU
20 KNOW, REQUEST FOR PROJECTS. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE PIPES PER
21 SE.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. EXACTLY.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND BEFORE, BEFORE, I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE
2 LAW PASSED, YOU COULD HAVE A PSYCH ROOM WITH THOSE SPRINKLER
3 HEADS HANGING OUT OF IT?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THAT-- I HAVEN'T DONE A CAREFUL
6 REVIEW FOR WHEN EACH NEW STANDARD HAS COME INTO PLACE BUT...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I MEAN, WAS THERE EVER...

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WAS THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND HELPED THE
11 HOSPITAL THROUGH SEVERAL JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION
12 SURVEYS AND I WAS CHIEF OF STAFF FROM ABOUT '87 TO '95 AND,
13 EVEN DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, EVERY-- THE FIRST TIME YOU GO
14 THROUGH THE J.C.A.H.O. AND THE SECOND TIME YOU GO THROUGH THE
15 J.C.A.H.O., THERE ARE SIX, 10, 20, 50, A HUNDRED NEW STANDARDS
16 AND I THINK EVERYONE WHO GOES THROUGH THAT WILL KNOW THAT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT SPRINKLER HEADS? IN A PSYCH WARD?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT SHOULD BE AN OBVIOUS PROBLEM.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HUH?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT SHOULD BE AN OBVIOUS PROBLEM.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT WAS OBVIOUS TO SOME OF MY STAFF WHEN
2 THEY SAW IT.

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE CAN HAVE SPRINKLER HEADS BUT THEY
5 NEED TO BE BREAK-- THE SPECIAL BREAKAWAY TYPE. THEY DON'T
6 SUSTAIN WEIGHT. SO THERE ARE JUST DIFFERENT STANDARDS,
7 DIFFERENT ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY, DIFFERENT PATIENT EXAMPLES
8 THAT SOMEONE INVESTIGATES THE CAUSE AND FINDS OUT YOU CAN
9 AVOID THAT PROBLEM BY CHANGING THE STANDARD AND THOSE
10 GRADUALLY GET UPDATED OVER TIME. THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE FOR
11 FIRE IN YOUR HOME. WHEN YOU BUILT YOUR HOUSE, IT PROBABLY
12 DIDN'T HAVE THE SAME STANDARDS FOR FIRE, THE NUMBER OF G.F.I.
13 RECEPTACLES AND ALL THOSE THINGS. THEY CHANGE OVER TIME. ALL
14 THE CODE KEEPS GETTING UPGRADED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHERE DOES MICHAEL HENDERSON COME FROM?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I.S.D.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I.S.D. HE'S THE PLANT MANAGER?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** JUST TOOK THE JOB RECENTLY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I STILL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS. I
25 DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE THAT HARD TO SEND IN SOMEBODY.



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1 HOPEFULLY, IT WON'T BE EXPENSIVE. WHAT COULD IT COST TO GO IN
2 AND...

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE COULD DO THAT, RIGHT. WE COULD DO AN
5 INVESTIGATION OF THE CAUSE.

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WOULD THINK THAT, AS WE...

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT WE STILL NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
10 ITEM.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AS WE FIX IT, THE DISTRIBUTION OF WHERE
13 THIS OCCURRED MAY BE HELPFUL IN UNDERSTANDING WHERE IT WAS PUT
14 DOWN AND THEREFORE MAY BE HELPFUL IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT WAS
15 PUT DOWN.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ALSO, DO YOU HAVE THE SPECIFICATIONS WHEN IT
18 WAS PURCHASE AND THE ORDERS?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M SURE WE DO.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK YOU SHOULD PULL THE ORDERS, THE PURCHASE
23 ORDERS ON THOSE PIPES, AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING AT WHAT POINT
24 THERE IS CORROSION.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT IS BEFORE US. MOVED AND SECONDED. MOVED
4 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. ANY
5 QUESTION OR COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL
6 RIGHT. NEXT ITEM, MS. BURKE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS. WELL, 65-F, IS THERE
9 TESTIMONY FIRST AND THEN CONTINUED?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 65-F? YES. I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. FLORES,
12 WHILE HE'S HERE, ON 65-F. WE ALSO HAD, I THINK, DR. CLAVREUL
13 HAS ALSO ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. DR. CLAVREUL? AND THEN
14 I'LL CALL ON DR. FLORES TO GIVE US A REPORT ON IT.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
17 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON THE 65-F, THE DOCUMENT ABOUT THIS
18 CHANGE OF BYLAWS OF KING DREW ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE
19 PUBLIC. AGAIN, THAT'S A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. THEY ARE
20 SUPPOSED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. AND SINCE YOU ARE
21 AGAIN GOING TO GET A REPORT AFTER I SPEAK TO YOU, YOU KIND OF
22 MAKE MY TESTIMONY USELESS. YOU KNOW, IT WAS SO NICE WHEN YOU
23 WERE NOT HERE LAST WEEK, WHEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ALLOWED
24 THE PUBLIC TO LISTEN TO THE REPORT BEFORE THEY COULD SPEAK. I
25 THINK YOU ARE A VERY POOR REPRESENTATION OF WHAT AN OFFICIAL



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1 SHOULD BE DOING AND I WOULD WANT TO GET A COPY OF THOSE
2 BYLAWS. AND, AGAIN, YOU ARE VIOLATING THE BROWN ACT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET A COPY. DR.
5 FLORES?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT IT BE
8 CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE WANTS TO GO
9 INTO IT NOW OR IN TWO WEEKS BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO
10 LOOK AT IT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM BUT IN IN THE INTEREST OF
11 HIS TIME.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW, BUT I'D LIKE HIM TO MAKE A REPORT
14 ON SOME OF THESE BYLAWS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR QUESTIONS
15 MIGHT BE BUT IT'D BE A GOOD TIME TO ASK BUT...

16

17 **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** I CAN JUST GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND
18 AND I'D BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS OR YOUR
19 STAFF IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I'M SURE THERE
20 WILL BE. JUST TO GIVE YOU A REPORT, WE HAD A SPECIAL MEETING
21 ON AUGUST 31ST TO REALLY RESPOND TO YOUR NEED TO HAVE THE
22 H.A.B. WEIGH IN ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IN A TIMELY FASHION AND
23 PART OF THAT WAS TO FINALIZE NOT ONLY THE COMPOSITION OF THE
24 H.A.B. AND, SECONDLY, A WAY TO EXPEDITE DECISION MAKING
25 WITHOUT HAVING TO TRY TO CONVENE 16 VERY BUSY PEOPLE. SO



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1 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE'VE ASKED YOU TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL IS
2 SOME SLIGHT AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS DOCUMENT YOU HAD
3 REVIEWED WHEN YOU APPOINTED US, ONE BEING THAT WE ARE
4 RECOMMENDING INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE H.A.B. BY TWO SLOTS
5 FROM A RANGE OF 14 TO 18 MEMBERS INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINAL 12 TO
6 16. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO KEEP THE CURRENT SKILL SET OF THE
7 INDIVIDUALS YOU HAVE APPOINTED TO THE H.A.B., WHICH WE FIND TO
8 BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO OUR CHARGE TO ACT AS A FIDUCIARY AGENT
9 ON YOUR BEHALF BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ADD TWO SLOTS
10 FOR REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND
11 KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES, PERHAPS PERSONALLY HAVE
12 EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE CHALLENGES OF RECEIVING CARE IN LOCAL
13 INSTITUTIONS TO SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND CERTAINLY WHO CAN BE
14 APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT AN H.A.B.
15 LEVEL. THE SECOND ITEM THAT'S NEW IS THAT WE ARE PROPOSING
16 ADDING A PROVISION FOR THE C.E.O. OF THE INSTITUTION TO BE A
17 VOTING MEMBER. UNDER THE INTERIM BYLAWS YOU HAVE PROVIDED US,
18 THE INTERIM C.E.O. FROM NAVIGANT IS A NONVOTING MEMBER AND WE
19 FIND THAT TO BE APPROPRIATE BUT, ONCE WE HAVE A PERMANENT
20 C.E.O., WE WOULD LIKE THAT PERSON TO BE A VOTING MEMBER. AND
21 THEN THE THIRD ITEM THAT IS NEW IS WE PROPOSE FOUR STANDING
22 COMMITTEES, THREE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY RECOMMENDED TO US OR
23 ARE REQUIRED OF US BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE
24 COMMITTEE THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO RESPOND TO YOUR REQUEST FOR
25 INFORMATION OR ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON A MUCH MORE TIMELY



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1 BASIS AND TO MEET AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. AND, IN THIS
2 PROVISION, WE LOOK TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE COMPRISED
3 OF THE CHAIR, THE VICE CHAIR AND THE SECRETARY, THE EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICERS OF THE H.A.B. AS WELL AS THE CHAIRS OF THE STANDING
5 COMMITTEES SO THAT THIS WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING
6 FOLKS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY AND
7 DELIBERATE ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES BEFORE YOU AND GIVE YOU
8 TIMELY RECOMMENDATIONS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. FLORES, IN-- MY INTEREST AS FAR AS THE
11 H.A.B. IS CONCERNED AND IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE WE HAVE A
12 MOTION ON THE GRAND JURY REPORT, WHICH IS ON A HEALTH
13 AUTHORITY. IF THERE IS ANY KIND OF MECHANISM AT ALL THAT MIGHT
14 MIMIC A HEALTH AUTHORITY WOULD BE THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD,
15 AND EVENTUALLY AND THERE'S A RECOMMENDATION BY OUR GRAND JURY,
16 THERE'S ALSO BEEN A RECOMMENDATION BY OUR DEPARTMENT THAT WE
17 SHOULD IMPLEMENT SOME KIND OF A HEALTH AUTHORITY OF SOME TYPE.
18 THERE'S STILL QUESTIONS AND I STILL HAVE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS
19 ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE INDIGENT AS WELL AS A FRAMEWORK OF
20 LIABILITY AND THINGS OF THAT SORT, WHICH ARE QUESTIONS THAT I
21 ALSO ASKED OF THE AUTHORITY HERE THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE.
22 BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS IMPRESSIVE TO SEE THE NUMBER OF
23 PEOPLE THAT YOU CONVENE ON A REGULAR BASIS TO DISCUSS THESE
24 ITEMS AND THE DYNAMIC ASPECT OF M.L.K. IS ONE THAT IS, IN A
25 SENSE, THERE'S POSITIVE ASPECT AND THEN THERE'S CONCERNS THAT



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1 WE HAVE. A PERFECT EXAMPLE IS TODAY'S ISSUE OF THESE CAPITAL
2 IMPROVEMENTS. IT'S HARD TO TELL AS TO HOW BIG THEIR LONGEST
3 TAB WILL GO DOWN THE LINE AND A CONCERN IS IS THAT NO REAL
4 ANALYSIS OF-- THIS WAS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THAT WE HAD TO
5 APPROVE, THESE WERE THE CONSEQUENCES OF POOR SUPERVISION OF
6 JANITORIAL FOLKS OR MEDICAL PERSONNEL. NONE OF IT HAS ANY KIND
7 OF BASIS FOR US TO REALLY HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE THAT THESE
8 THINGS SHOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. I MEAN, YOU WORK AT WHITE
9 MEMORIAL AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS EVER
10 PRESENTED WITH THESE KINDS OF ISSUES AT ANY TIME. I COULD
11 UNDERSTAND IF WE WERE PRESENTED WITH A LIST OF 26 THINGS WE
12 SHOULD HAVE DONE IN 1997 AND 14 THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE IN
13 2001 BUT I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THEM AND I'M NOT SO SURE THAT
14 ANYBODY ELSE WAS. BUT IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANY KIND OF
15 RECOMMENDATION THAT I THINK I CAN TRUST, IT'S GOING TO COME
16 OUT OF THIS ORGANIZATION, THIS ADVISORY FOR ME. I THINK I'VE
17 SAID THAT TO YOU PRIVATELY, BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE, WITH THE
18 DEPARTMENT OR WITH NAVIGANT, THAT I COULD HAVE THE KIND OF
19 CONFIDENCE THAT THIS HAD ANY DEPTH WHATSOEVER OF ANALYZING
20 WHAT WENT WRONG, HOW COULD WE FIX THIS SO IT DOESN'T HAPPEN
21 AGAIN? AND I AM ASKING YOU AS WELL THAT I THINK THIS HAS TO BE
22 PART OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO. NOW, IT SEEMS HARD THAT, WITH
23 THE KIND OF TIME THAT YOU ALL HAVE WITH ALL OF THE ISSUES
24 BEFORE YOU, THAT THAT COULD BE DONE AT ALL BUT IT MAY BE
25 SOMETHING YOU MIGHT ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO DO. I'M TIRED OF



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1 ASKING IT FROM MY END BUT IT SEEMS AS EVERY INSTANT SHOULD
2 HAVE SOME KIND OF ROOT PROBLEM, WHAT CAUSED IT AND CAN WE CURB
3 THIS KIND OF SITUATION? THERE MAY BE LACK OF SUPERVISION, LACK
4 OF MANAGEMENT, IT MIGHT BE UNTRAINED PERSONNEL, WHETHER
5 MEDICAL PERSONNEL OR NONPERSONNEL OR A CHANGE OF STANDARDS
6 THAT MAYBE WE HAVEN'T TRAINED OUR PEOPLE UP TO. I GUESS WHAT
7 I'D LIKE TO SEE IS THAT MAYBE YOU UNDERTAKE SOME ASPECT OF
8 THOSE KINDS OF ANALYSIS, NOT SO MUCH THAT YOU DO THE WORK,
9 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO THE WORK BUT I WOULD
10 APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THAT
11 WORK AND MAYBE REPORT TO YOU. I THINK THIS ISSUE ABOUT THIS
12 CORROSIVE PIPES, IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO
13 KNOW, IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LONGSTANDING APPROVAL AND WE
14 WANT MARTIN LUTHER KING TO EXIST AS A HOSPITAL FOR THE FUTURE,
15 HOPEFULLY WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A SITUATION LIKE THIS AGAIN,
16 WHATEVER IT-- IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUBSTANDARD PIPES, IT COULD
17 BE JUST SOMEBODY OUT AND OUT-- BUT IT REALLY REQUIRES YOU TO
18 MAYBE ASK THOSE QUESTIONS AND THEN I THINK IT BEGS THE
19 QUESTION IS, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ALL CAN OPERATE WITHOUT ANY
20 DIRECT STAFF. AND THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT I THINK THIS BOARD
21 NEEDS TO CONFRONT. IF WE ARE GOING TO EMPOWER YOU TO MAKE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS TO US, IN OTHER WORDS, TO OPERATE AS A
23 DEPARTMENT, THEN IT GOES TO THE ADVISORY, THEN HOPEFULLY IT
24 COMES TO YOU WITH SOME VALIDATION FROM, QUOTE, THE EXPERTS WHO
25 WE'VE CONVENED TO MAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, IT SEEMS TO ME



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1 THAT THERE HAS TO BE SOME MECHANISM TO ALLOW YOU TO HAVE OR TO
2 PUT IT IN PLACE SOME STAFF ASSISTANCE TO DO IT. WE JUST
3 APPROVED \$32 MILLION, WHICH IS PHASE NUMBER I OF SOME REPAIRS
4 AND YET THE PEOPLE WHO ARE, QUOTE, GIVEN THE DUTY AND THE
5 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, INFORMED
6 RECOMMENDATIONS AND SPENDING ON AWFUL LOT OF TIME NEED SOME
7 LEVEL OF STAFF ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO GET SOME OF THIS WORK
8 DONE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT, IF WE'RE GOING TO REALLY
9 EMPOWER YOU TO THAT EXTENT AND I KNOW I FEEL LIKE AS THOUGH WE
10 SHOULD, I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT YOU WOULD LOOK AT WHAT
11 IS NEEDED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PERSONNEL THAT MIGHT ASSIST
12 YOU IN CARRYING OUT YOUR WORK, BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S GOING
13 TO BE-- IT'S JUST GOING TO BECOME EVEN MORE DYNAMIC AS THESE
14 ISSUES CONTINUE TO CONFRONT US. HOPEFULLY, THE DEPARTMENT CAN
15 ADDRESS IT ALL BUT I KNOW THAT I ASKED THE DEPARTMENT A SERIES
16 OF QUESTIONS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS
17 OF WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF A REPORT AT THE SAME TIME, WHICH
18 IS PROBABLY SOME OF THE BASIC STUFF THEY SHOULD HAVE ANALYZED
19 BEFORE THEY MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO US.

20

21 **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** WELL, THANK YOU. AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE
22 AND ON BEHALF OF THE H.A.B., APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND
23 SUPPORT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZED VERY EARLY THAT WE WERE
24 FRUSTRATING ALL OF YOU IN A SENSE BY NOT GETTING-- MOVING AS
25 QUICKLY AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED BUT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT PROCESS



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1 THAT WE WENT THROUGH AND WE WILL BE, I THINK, PRESENTING YOU
2 WITH A SERIES OF REPORTS THAT WILL GIVE YOU OUR FINDINGS, OUR
3 RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE GIVING OURSELVES THE APPROPRIATE TIME
4 TO LOOK AT CAN WE IDENTIFY CERTAIN ECONOMIC EFFICIENCIES THAT
5 WILL GENERATE THE KIND OF RESOURCES WE WOULD NEED TO CALL FOR
6 IN TERMS OF STAFF SUPPORT, SOME POLICY ANALYSIS AND THINGS,
7 WHERE IT MIGHT NOT ALREADY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR COUNTY
8 COUNSEL OR OTHER KINDS OF SERVICES. TO A CERTAIN EXTENT,
9 NAVIGANT HAS BEEN PLAYING THAT ROLE BUT NOT VERY WELL
10 DESCRIBED AND I THINK WHEN THE NEW C.E.O. COMES ON BOARD, WE
11 WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH HER VERY CLOSELY TO ESTABLISH THAT
12 AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE IF NEED BE, IF WE NEED
15 TO ASK FOR A GRANT OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM, IF FOR WHATEVER
16 REASON THIS BOARD DOESN'T APPROVE SOME PERSONNEL OR SOME KIND
17 OF ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST YOU WITH THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF YOUR
18 MEETINGS, THEN MAYBE WE CAN GO THROUGH A GRANT PROCESS, MAYBE
19 LOOK TO THE ENDOWMENT TO SEE IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT THEY
20 CAN DO, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD SEEM TO ME, WITH THE KIND OF MONEY
21 THAT WE'RE PUTTING INTO THE KIND OF EFFORTS AT MARTIN LUTHER
22 KING, THERE CERTAINLY ISN'T ANY REASON THAT WE SHOULD BE SHY
23 ABOUT PUTTING FORTH SOME DOLLARS TO CREATE A SUPPORT STAFF FOR
24 AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT IS REALLY KIND OF A TECHNICAL
25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT CAN ASSIST US IN HOPEFULLY BEING MORE



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1 EFFECTIVE AS TO HOW WE MAKE A DETERMINATION OR A DECISION AS
2 TO HOW WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE AT MARTIN
3 LUTHER KING. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4

5 **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** THANK YOU AGAIN.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION. MR. JANSSEN, WHAT IS THE
8 ROLE OF THE KING DREW ADVISORY ON BUDGETS RIGHT NOW?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DIDN'T HEAR THAT LAST WORD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE ROLE CURRENTLY OF THE KING DREW
13 ADVISORY BOARD ON THE BUDGET?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK THAT'S A QUESTION YOU NEED TO ASK DR.
16 GARTHWAITE. TOM?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION, MICHAEL?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THE
21 BUDGET?

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23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK, AT THE CURRENT TIME, THE
24 KING DREW ADVISORY BOARD HAS NOT TAKEN A STRONG POSITION ON
25 THE BUDGET. THEY FORMED A FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE. IT



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1 HAD ONLY, I THINK, ONE MEETING BEFORE THE CHAIR WAS KIND OF
2 FORCED TO WITHDRAW BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IT HAS
3 BEEN RECONSTITUTED, SO THEY REALLY WERE JUST COMING UP AND
4 GETTING TOGETHER DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR THIS YEAR. SO
5 THEY, AS YET, HAVE NOT WEIGHED IN ON OUR BUDGET.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IN THEIR RECOMMENDATION J, ARTICLE 6 OF
8 DUTIES, ISN'T THIS THE JOB OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE
9 C.A.O.?

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11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, IT REALLY ISN'T THE
12 FINAL ANALYSIS, THE ISSUE THAT'S BEFORE YOUR BOARD ON THE
13 BYLAWS AS TO WHAT IS THE PROPER ROLE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD,
14 HOW MUCH OF AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THEM
15 TO BE VERSUS THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING BUREAUCRACY. AND
16 "J," LOOKING AT "J" CLEARLY RAISES THAT ISSUE. ARE YOU GOING
17 TO ASK THEM TO ACTUALLY APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGET OF KING
18 HOSPITAL BEFORE IT COMES TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? "YES" OR
19 "NO," THAT IS A QUESTION THAT WILL BE BEFORE YOU WHEN YOU HAVE
20 THIS DISCUSSION IN TWO WEEKS. AND IT'S NOT UNLIKE THE QUESTION
21 THAT YOU HAVE UNDER ITEM 23 WHERE THE GRAND JURY HAS MADE A
22 RECOMMENDATION ABOUT THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. AGAIN, IS THERE
23 GOING TO BE A HEALTH AUTHORITY? IF SO, WHAT'S IT GOING TO LOOK
24 LIKE? THIS BODY, AS I RECALL, WAS SET UP NOT AS A PRECURSOR TO



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1 BUT CERTAINLY AS A TEST, IF YOU WILL, OF WHETHER OR NOT AN
2 ADVISORY BODY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ENVIRONMENT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
5 C.A.O., THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE ADVISORY BOARD, WHO
6 MAKES THE RECOMMENDATION?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S AN ADVISORY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, I KNOW BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE
11 BYLAW THAT'S BEING PROPOSED _____ THAT AUTHORITY AND
12 THE QUESTION IS, IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN
13 YOUR DEPARTMENT, DR. GARTHWAITE'S DEPARTMENT, AND THE ADVISORY
14 BOARD, WHOSE RECOMMENDATION IS IT?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF IT IS ON THE BUDGET, IT'S MINE. IF IT'S ON
17 HEALTH POLICY, I SUSPECT IT'S TOM'S. THEY ARE...

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE OPERATING BUDGET...

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21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. IT'S-- THE C.A.O. THE C.A.O. PRESENTS THE
22 BUDGET. WE CERTAINLY DO THAT, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOESN'T
23 AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE DO BUT THEIR BUDGET DOESN'T COME
24 FORWARD TO YOU, IT'S MY BUDGET, SO THEY'RE SIMPLY AN ADVISOR.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT THEY COULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION.

2

3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEY COULD CERTAINLY COME TO THE BOARD
4 INDEPENDENTLY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE'S NOTHING WRONG. I MEAN, THAT'S THE
7 WHOLE PURPOSE IS WE HAVE, QUOTE, WHEN THEY WERE RECOMMENDED TO
8 US AS A GROUP OF EXPERTS THAT WOULD OVERSEE, I MEAN, THE
9 BUDGET DOCUMENT IS THE MAJOR POLICY DOCUMENT OF ANY
10 INSTITUTION, SO CONSEQUENTLY, THEY SHOULD HAVE SOME POINT OF
11 VIEW. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE WOULD PROBABLY BE THE ONES
12 THAT WOULD MAKE THE DETERMINATION WHETHER WE WOULD ACCEPT. I
13 MEAN, MANY A DEPARTMENT COMES TO US, THE SHERIFF DOES IT ALL
14 THE TIME, MANY A DEPARTMENT COMES TO US AND SAID WE NEED, IN
15 ADDITION TO WHAT THE C.A.O. HAS GIVEN US, WE'D LIKE THIS
16 ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AND EVERY SO OFTEN IT IS BROUGHT UP
17 HERE. SO I DON'T SEE THAT AS A PROBLEM BUT TO NOT ALLOW-- TO
18 NOT EXPECT THAT THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD WOULD AT LEAST HAVE
19 AN OPINION ABOUT THE MAJOR POLICY DOCUMENT OF THE HOSPITAL
20 WOULD NOT BE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF ANY OF IT BECAUSE
21 IT'S JUST-- I THINK IT'S A CRITICAL COMPONENT. WHETHER WE
22 AGREE WITH IT OR NOT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S DIFFERENT
23 THAN THE HEALTH AUTHORITY BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKES THAT DETERMINATION BUT I THINK THAT
25 WE NEED TO HAVE THAT KIND OF INPUT AND I THINK THE DEPARTMENT



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1 SHOULD WELCOME IT FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT HOPEFULLY IT'S AN
2 INFORMED DECISION, NOT JUST, YOU KNOW, ANOTHER BUREAUCRATIC
3 PROCESS.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND I THINK WE DO. WE WOULD NORMALLY GO
6 OUT TO THE FACILITIES, THEY WOULD PROPOSE THINGS THEY WANT TO
7 CHANGE IN THEIR BUDGET, THINGS THAT THEY THINK THEY CRITICALLY
8 NEED, EITHER INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL AND SO
9 FORTH, THINGS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO DURING THE FOLLOWING
10 YEAR, AND THEN WE NEGOTIATE BACK AND FORTH BEFORE WE
11 ULTIMATELY SUBMIT A BUDGET TO THE C.A.O. SO THIS WOULD JUST
12 INSERT SOME ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION IN THE PROCESS AT THE
13 MEDICAL CENTER, AND I ASSUME THERE WOULD BE THEN SOME
14 CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD AS WELL AND
15 THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD AS WELL.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ASSUME THAT THE KIND OF
20 THINGS THAT THEY WOULD POINT OUT ARE THOSE THINGS THAT THEY
21 KNOW ARE WORKING IN THEIR OWN HOSPITALS OR THE PLACES WHERE
22 THEY ARE WORKING, FOR INSTANCE, WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THIS
23 WHOLE ISSUE OF BIRTHING ROOMS AND THE LACK OF MARTIN LUTHER
24 KING HAVING THOSE WHEN EVERY OTHER HOSPITAL IN THE AREA HAS
25 THEM AND, AS A RESULT, MANY PEOPLE JUST DON'T WANT TO COME TO



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1 A HOSPITAL WHERE THEY HAVE TO GO ONE PLACE AND THEN THEY'RE
2 MOVED SOMEWHERE ELSE. WELL, THAT KIND OF THING, IT WOULD SEEM
3 THAT AN ADVISORY BOARD THAT HAS PEOPLE THAT WORK IN HOSPITALS
4 THAT ALL HAVE THIS AND ARE OTHER THINGS, I WOULD ASSUME THAT
5 THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF SPRINKLERS IN THE PSYCH WARD. IF WE'VE HAD
6 PEOPLE WHO WERE ADVISORY WHO HAD BEEN THERE, IF THEY HAD THEIR
7 J.C.A.H.O. BEFORE WE DID, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SHARE SOME OF
8 THOSE THINGS AND I THINK THAT PARTICULARLY WHEN I TALKED TO
9 PEOPLE FROM OTHER HOSPITALS, THEY ARE SHARING SOME OF THE
10 ISSUES THAT J.C.A.H.O. IS RAISING NOW THAT THEY DIDN'T RAISE
11 LAST YEAR, PLUS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO RAISE NEXT YEAR, WHICH
12 IS A DIFFERENT POLICY IS GOING TO BE MUCH TOUGHER BUT THERE IS
13 A ROLE OF-- AND IT OVERLAPS BETWEEN BUDGET AND FACILITY OR I
14 THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE-- NOT INTERNIST BUT WE HAD THE
15 PEOPLE WHO WERE THE INTENSIVISTS THAT-- AT OTHER HOSPITALS,
16 THEY HAD THE INTENSIVISTS BUT, FOR SOME REASON OR ANOTHER AT
17 KING, THERE WAS A DELAY IN GETTING THEM. THESE ARE BUDGET
18 ITEMS IN A SENSE BUT THEY'RE QUALITY OF SERVICE ITEMS THAT, AS
19 A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, I WOULD NOT NECESSARILY KNOW WHAT ONE
20 HOSPITAL HAS RATHER THAN ANOTHER HOSPITAL. BUT PEOPLE WHO ARE
21 ON THIS HOSPITAL ADVISORY AND WHO ARE IN AND OUT OF OTHER
22 HOSPITALS AND WORKING IN OTHER HOSPITALS CAN IMMEDIATELY BE--
23 CAN IDENTIFY SOME OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE MISSING OR THINGS
24 THAT SHOULD BE CHANGED. SOME OF THEM MAY BE BUDGETARY ITEMS
25 BUT THEY'RE QUALITY OF SERVICE ITEMS. SO I WOULD THINK THAT



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1 THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE THIS ADVISORY GROUP WOULD HAVE AN
2 IMPACT IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET RATHER THAN THEM COMING UP WITH
3 A BUDGET FOR THE HOSPITAL.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE ON THIS ITEM? IF
6 NOT, THIS ITEM IS CONTINUED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK IF THIS IS-- IF
9 THIS REPORT WAS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL BYLAWS, CAN YOU
10 PROVIDE WITH US A LINED-OUT VERSION?

11

12 **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GET
13 ONE BUT I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE YOU HAD THEM. I DIDN'T GET THAT. I
16 JUST GOT A NEW VERSION. IT WOULD BE EASIER IF I COULD COMPARE
17 AND CONTRAST. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THAT ITEM WILL BE
20 CONTINUED. IS IT FOR A WEEK OR TWO WEEKS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** TWO WEEKS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE, IF YOU'LL...

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3 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, I DIDN'T DO MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY, WILL YOU DO THAT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I ASSUME THAT EVERYONE IS GOING TO MAKE AN
8 ADJOURNMENT-- IS GOING TO MAKE AN ADJOURNMENT AS FAR AS CHIEF
9 JUSTICE REHNQUIST BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT
10 ADJOURNMENT. HE HAS PRESIDED OVER THE COURT OVER MANY, MANY
11 YEARS AND HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A JURIST. AND MARILYN
12 J. WHIRRY, WHO TAUGHT AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, PASSED
13 AWAY SEPTEMBER 2ND OF LUNG DISEASE AT THE AGE OF 72. IN 2000,
14 PRESIDENT CLINTON PRESENTED MARILYN WHIRRY WITH A CRYSTAL
15 APPLE AWARD AS NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN 2000. THE HONOR
16 TOOK HER OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE SPEAKING CIRCUIT. SHE
17 TRAVELED 25 DAYS A MONTH, APPEARING BEFORE SMALL GROUPS AND
18 ADDRESSING 12,000 PEOPLE AT A CONFERENCE IN KYOTO, JAPAN. SHE
19 TAUGHT ENGLISH FROM '67 UNTIL 2000 AT MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL
20 IN THE MANHATTAN BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE SHE ALSO HEADED
21 THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO TEACHING ENGLISH AT
22 MIRA COSTA HIGH, IN 1990, SHE TAUGHT EDUCATIONAL CLASSES AT
23 LOYOLA MARYMOUNT. SHE'S SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, ROBERT OF LOS
24 ANGELES AND DAVID AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. AND ARMY SERGEANT
25 MILTON...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO JOIN ON THAT LAST ONE FOR MANHATTAN
3 BEACH.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ARMY SERGEANT MILTON MANZON, JR., WAS FROM LOS
6 ANGELES, DEPLOYED IN IRAQ IN MARCH 2003. HE WAS A BRADLEY
7 FIGHTING VEHICLE GUNNER ASSIGNED TO THE THIRD SQUADRON, THIRD
8 ARMORED CALVARY REGIMENT AT FORT CARSON, COLORADO. HE WAS
9 KILLED ON HIS SECOND DEPLOYMENT TO IRAQ IN MARCH. HE'S
10 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CHRISTIE AND PARENTS, CECILIA AND MILTON
11 MANZON, SR. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE
14 ADJOURNMENTS. BEFORE I CALL ON SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS
15 ADJOURNMENTS, IF YOU'LL PERMIT ME, I HAVE TO GO GET ON THAT
16 CONFERENCE CALL, I'D LIKE TO DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. I'D ALSO LIKE
17 TO ASK THAT, ON ITEM NUMBER 23, WHICH I HAD HELD, IF WE COULD
18 CONTINUE THAT FOR A WEEK, I'D APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT. ON MY
19 ADJOURNMENTS, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
20 ADA BREDICE. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF THE LATE PAT BOND, WHO WAS A
21 DEAR FRIEND AND A LONG TIME CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT OF MINE. ADA
22 WAS A WARM AND LOVING PERSON WHO WAS DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL
23 THOSE WHO KNEW HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, RICHARD
24 BREDICE AS WELL AS JANICE LAROUCIA AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO AND
4 MS. BURKE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT, TOO.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ON THOSE ITEMS. I'D LIKE TO ASK
9 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF REVEREND FRED REGISTER WHO
10 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. REVEREND REGISTER WAS
11 THE BELOVED FATHER OF A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE, FRED REGISTER.
12 REVEREND REGISTER IS WELL KNOWN AS A CONFERENCE MINISTER FOR
13 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF
14 CHRIST FROM 1968 TO 1990. HE SERVED AS THE SPIRITUAL COUNSEL
15 TO THE PASTORS AT 140 UCC CHURCHES FROM PASO ROBLES TO SAN
16 DIEGO AND FROM THE COAST OF SOUTHERN NEVADA. HE IS AN
17 EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR WHO PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT AND
18 HELP TO MANY OF OUR PASTORS. SO WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
19 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, AND HIS FRIENDS AS WELL AS HIS
20 COLLEAGUES. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
21 MARINE CORPS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAMON ROMERO OF HUNTINGTON
22 PARK. HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING IN OPERATION IRAQ
23 FREEDOM. HE WAS 19 YEARS OLD. AND, ON MONDAY, AUGUST THE 22ND,
24 PRIVATE ROMERO DIED WHEN HIS VEHICLE WAS STRUCK BY AN
25 EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WHILE CONDUCTING COMBAT OPERATIONS NEAR



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1 FALLUJAH, IRAQ. PRIVATE ROMERO WAS ASSIGNED TO SECOND
2 BATTALION 7TH MARINE REGIMENT, THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION, THE
3 FIRST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN TWENTYNINE PALMS. AS PART
4 OF THE OPERATION IRAQ FREEDOM, PRIVATE ROMERO'S UNIT WAS
5 ATTACHED TO THE SECOND MARINE DIVISION, THE SECOND
6 EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
7 TO PRIVATE ROMERO'S FAMILY. AND FINALLY I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
8 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DON WALLACE, WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC. DON'S GREATEST
10 LEGACY WAS HIS STRONG WORK ETHIC AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. HE
11 BEGAN HIS COUNTY SERVICE IN 1974 AND WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND THE
12 CALL OF DUTY USING HIS TALENT AS AN ARTIST ON HIS PERSONAL
13 TIME TO CREATE CARICATURES FOR COUNTY'S RETIREMENT FLIERS AND
14 MEMENTOS. MY STAFF WORKED CLOSELY WITH MR. WALLACE AND WE
15 GREATLY ADMIRER HIS TALENTS AND HIS SKILLS. DON WAS LOVED AND
16 RESPECTED BY MANY AND HE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED
17 BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, DON, VERONICA, RON, AND CHRISTIAN, SO WE
18 WANT TO EXTEND OUR PRAYERS AND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.
19 SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. I'M JUST ADJOURNING ON MY
20 INDIVIDUAL ITEMS. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO EXCUSE MYSELF AND
21 TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
22 IS UP.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY
2 IN THE MEMORY OF BOB DENVER, WHO PASSED AWAY EARLIER TODAY.
3 BOB DENVER WAS A WELL-KNOWN ACTOR ON "GILLIGAN'S ISLAND" BUT
4 ALSO "DOBIE GILLIS," WHERE HE PLAYED A STARRING ROLE AND HE
5 WAS A GREAT COMEDIAN AND A GREAT FIGURE ON TELEVISION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE IN THE WAY OF ADJOURNING
12 MOTIONS. I DON'T THINK WE'RE HOLDING ANYTHING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THE REHNQUIST
17 ADJOURNMENT AS WELL, TOO, BUT ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
18 MEMORY TODAY OF MR. NICK BOMBGAARS, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK.
19 HE'S THE FATHER OF OUR GOOD FRIEND, THE MAYOR OF BELLFLOWER,
20 RANDY BOMBGAARS. HE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND
21 FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VERA RAMOS, WHO IS
22 THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF OUR LONG-TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICE EMPLOYEE,
23 CARMEN SOSA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE
24 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JOSEPH, THREE CHILDREN, CHRISTINA
25 AND GENEVIEVE AND ERNEST, SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-



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1 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE'LL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL HER FAMILY AND
2 FRIENDS. AND THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
5 THE JUSTICE REHNQUIST, WHO PASSED AWAY. HE LEAVES THREE
6 CHILDREN AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND HE HAD SERVED LONGEST
7 TENURE WAS ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. HE WAS A FORMER ATTORNEY
8 GENERAL IN ARIZONA AND WORKED QUITE CLOSELY WITH SENATOR
9 GOLDWATER. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. ALSO MATO
10 KORTIZIJA, WHO WAS THE FATHER OF MY FORMER TRANSPORTATION
11 DEPUTY, ROSA FUQUAY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 3RD. HE WAS
12 BORN IN CROATIA, CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1958 AND HE IS
13 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN, TOM AND ROSA, HIS SISTER, LUCY
14 AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND RICHARD HUDDLESTON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
19 THE AGE OF 61 IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY THIS PAST WEEK. KATHLEEN
20 JANE MAY, FROM LANCASTER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 21ST. SHE
21 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, THOMAS HENRY MAY. TERRY MILLER,
22 RETIRED IN MARCH OF 2005 FROM NEWHALL LAND, WHERE HE WORKED.
23 AND RUDY ORTEGA, DEPUTY SHERIFF, PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 26TH
24 AND THAT WAS ALSO-- HE WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY AT THE TIME. HIS
25 LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE HOMICIDE BUREAU. AND TYLER DUGGINS,



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1 AGE 16, WHO PASSED AWAY ON IN A TRAFFIC COLLISION ON AUGUST
2 30TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, JACQUELINE AND SISTER,
3 WHITNEY. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
4 WHICH ITEMS ARE LEFT? OKAY. NUMBER 19-- 13, EXCUSE ME. RICHARD
5 ROBINSON, ITEM 13.

6

7 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,
8 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER. I RESIDE IN THE 7 STAR MOTEL AT 1730
9 NORTH LA BRAE AVENUE, ROOM 104 AT HOLLYWOOD AND LA BRAE IN
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT IN HOLLYWOOD. SIR, AS THIS
11 FUNDRAISER FOR PROJECT RESTORE GOES FORWARD, I HOPE THAT YOU
12 WILL KEEP IN MIND THE FORMER MILLION HOTEL AND THE VITAL
13 ELEMENT IT CAN BE AS THE SITE OF A COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND
14 TREATMENT SERVICE SIMILAR TO THAT, MAYOR NEWSOM HAS EXPANDED
15 FROM MAYOR BROWN, FORMER MAYOR BROWN IN SAN FRANCISCO. IT CAN
16 PROVIDE HOPE FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS TRAPPED IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS
17 THE PIT DOWNTOWN. THOSE TWO HOTELS, THE FRONTIER AND THE
18 ROSALYN, WHICH ARE WHAT WAS THE MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL, THROUGH
19 J.P.A. BETWEEN YOU AND THE CITY CAN HELP THOSE IN DOWNTOWN,
20 ITS MELTING POT, THROUGH THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THOSE HOTELS
21 AND THE HUGE BUILDING TO THE NORTH BETWEEN MAIN AND SPRING
22 THAT HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS BECAUSE THEY
23 HAVE A TREMENDOUS CAPACITY FOR OCCUPANCY. THE MOSTLY BLACK
24 POPULATION OF SKID ROW IS NOT THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS THE
25 LACK OF SERVICES. THE PROBLEM IS HOMELESSNESS. A SMALL GROUP



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1 OF MEXICANS SETTLED LOS PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES, MOST OF THEM
2 ARE BLACK MEXICANS. THE SPIRIT THAT CAUSED THEM TO BE THE
3 FIRST ANGELINOS HAS GROWN TO MAKE THE LATTER DAY PREDOMINANTLY
4 NATIVE AMERICAN INHABITANTS OF THIS, THE LARGEST CITY IN THE
5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHAT I BELIEVE ARE THE MOST SOULFUL
6 OF GOD'S CREATURES, WITH THE HELP OF THE SPIRIT OF ST. MARTIN
7 DEPOURES. SO, THE LOS ANGELES RESCUE MISSION, THE UNION RESCUE
8 MISSION, THE MIDNIGHT MISSION, THE LOS ANGELES MEN'S PLACE,
9 THE 24-HOUR DROP-IN CENTER, THE S.R.O. HOTELS ARE A HELP BUT
10 THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS THE COMPREHENSIVE CENTRAL
11 INTAKE, A COMMUNITY AWARENESS TREATMENT SERVICE AT THE
12 MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DON-- PUBLIC COMMENT. DON
16 GARCIA. LUIS GARCIA AND SOPHIA QUINONES.

17
18 **DON GARCIA:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DON
19 GARCIA. I'VE BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND HAVE BEEN AN EMPLOYEE
20 OF YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I AM SPEAKING ON
21 MY OWN TIME AND DURING MY OWN VACATION. THIS MORNING I DROPPED
22 OFF A LETTER OF COMPLAINT AND A REQUEST FOR THE DIRECTOR OF
23 PERSONNEL, MR. MICHAEL HENRY, TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK
24 TO YOU WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE A VIOLATION OF COUNTY CODE SECTION
25 5.02.060 COMMITTED BY MY DEPARTMENT HEAD, MS. VIOLET VARONA-



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1 LUKENS. I WANTED TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU AND PERSONALLY PASS OUT
2 YOUR INDIVIDUALS COPIES OF THAT REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE. I HOPE
3 YOU READ WHAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU AND RECOGNIZE THE GRAVITY OF
4 THIS VIOLATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LUIS GARCIA.

7

8 **LUIS GARCIA:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M A RESIDENT OF
9 WHITTIER AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT AN EMERGENCY SITUATION
10 THAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **LUIS GARCIA:** UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S BEEN A FIFTH HOMICIDE IN
14 THE FACILITIES OF CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY AND I WOULD
15 REQUEST THAT THIS BOARD ACT ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO PUT THIS
16 QUESTION OF THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY AND ITS FUTURE
17 DEMISE BEFORE THIS BOARD SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN SPEAK ABOUT
18 THIS. AS YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ARE SENT TO THE
19 YOUTH AUTHORITY ARE IN THE MAJORITY OVERWHELMINGLY BLACK AND
20 BROWN, LOW INCOME, WORKING CLASS PEOPLE. AS PRISONERS IN THE
21 YOUTH PRISON THAT IS AS BRUTAL AS ANY IN THIS COUNTRY, IT
22 BEHOOVES THIS BOARD TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER AND HEAR THE
23 COMMUNITY'S WISHES TO CLOSE THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, TO BUILD
24 REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY TO HOUSE OUR YOUTH
25 WHO BREAK THE LAW AND NEED TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, NOT



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1 PUNISHMENT. THIS IS WHAT WE ASK YOU TO DO TODAY. I WOULD ASK
2 YOU TO SHOW LEADERSHIP AS YOU HAVE DONE THIS MORNING IN
3 REGARDS TO THE PEOPLE THAT SUFFERED IN THE HURRICANE IN THE
4 GULF COAST. IT'S A GREAT THING THAT YOU HAVE DONE. AND I ASK
5 YOU TO SHOW THE SAME LEADERSHIP, THE SAME CONCERN TO
6 PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS FOR SERVICES OF THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE
7 SERVED OR, RATHER, ARE NOT SERVED BY THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH
8 AUTHORITY. THE COMMUNITY FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT THE PROBLEM
9 OF RECIDIVISM AND YOUTH CRIME HAS ACTUALLY BEEN MADE WORSE BY
10 THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY IN ITS LACK OF REHABILITATION
11 SERVICES AND AS THE NEWLY NAMED DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND
12 REHABILITATION IN THE STATE IS NOW ABOUT TO EMBARK IN
13 ATTEMPTING TO DO-- PROVIDE SERVICE FOR PAROLEES TO AVOID THEM
14 COMING BACK TO PRISON IN A REVOLVING DOOR STYLE. I ASK YOU TO
15 SHOW THAT LEADERSHIP THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO
16 DO, AND PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF WORKING PEOPLE, BLACK AND
17 BROWN, WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE MISTREATMENT OF THE
18 CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY. SO WE ASK YOU TO STOP SENDING ANY
19 MORE OF OUR L.A. COUNTY YOUTH TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, AS FIVE
20 OTHER COUNTIES HAVE DONE ALREADY, BECAUSE OF THE BRUTALITY
21 THAT'S EXHIBITED IN THOSE FACILITIES AND THIS GREAT BOARD
22 SHOULD DO NOTHING LESS THAN THAT. WE ALSO ASK YOU TO JUMPSTART
23 A TASK FORCE THAT I BELIEVE AT ONE TIME WAS PROPOSED BY THIS
24 BOARD TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES FOR REHABILITATION, YOUTH
25 DETENTION FACILITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND, FINALLY, WE



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1 ASK YOU TO PASS A MOTION TO CLOSE THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH
2 AUTHORITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, NOE ORGAZ AND FRANK ALVAREZ
5 AND CASSANDRA GONZALEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SOFIA G. QUINONES:** MY NAME IS SOFIA QUINONES AND I AM A MEMBER
8 OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON THE CALIFORNIA
9 CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM. I'VE BEEN MONITORING ALL THE SENATE
10 HEARINGS, I'VE READ THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT AND IT'S
11 VERY SIMPLE. I ASKED THAT L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
12 JOIN IN THE MORATORIUM. WE DON'T HAVE TO REINVENT THE WHEEL.
13 WE HAVE-- YOU CAN LOOK AT YOUR SISTER CITY, SAN FRANCISCO.
14 THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE IT. THEY'RE AN EXAMPLE. LOOK AT THE
15 PERCENTAGE RATES IN RECIDIVISM. THEY'VE GONE DOWN. IT'S A
16 CRISIS. AND AS PEOPLE ARE, AT THIS MOMENT, YOU KNOW, I JUST
17 WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND SAY PLEASE DO THIS BECAUSE, YOU
18 KNOW, I'VE DEALT WITH SOME OF THE YOUTH THAT ARE IN THERE,
19 I'VE DEALT WITH THEIR PAIN. I STILL HAVE THE SCARS FROM
20 HEARING SOME OF THE TESTIMONY OF HOW YOUTH ARE BEING ABUSED
21 AND ALSO ANALYZING HOW, UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
22 CORRECTIONS, HOW THEY WERE TREATING YOUTH. THEY WERE TREATING
23 THEM AS ADULTS AND THAT CAN'T BE TOLERATED. SOME OF THEIR
24 CRIMES ARE MINOR, AND THERE'S A LOT OF ABUSE IN THE C.Y.A. YOU
25 HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN BEING RAPED BY OLDER PEOPLE AND THAT HAS



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1 TO BE DEALT WITH. WHEN THEY LEAVE THAT FACILITY, THEY'VE
2 ALREADY BEEN SCARRED. SO THE STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE, THE
3 STUDIES ARE GATHERING DUST, AND NO ONE HAS ACTED IN ENFORCING
4 WHAT CAME OUT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT AND SO WE HAVE
5 NOTHING LEFT TO DO. YOU HAD A VERY COURAGEOUS JUDGE, JUDGE
6 DIAZ IN SAN JOSE WHO ALSO STEPPED UP AND SAID, YOU KNOW WHAT,
7 WE WILL NOT SEND OUR YOUTH TO THIS FACILITY, NOT ONE YOUTH
8 WILL UNDERGO THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT, SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOU
9 TIME, I'M GOING TO ECHO WHAT MR. GARCIA SAID, CREATE A TASK
10 FORCE, LOOK TO YOUR SISTER CITIES AND SAY, WHAT DID YOU DO TO
11 GET OUT OF THIS? BECAUSE WE CAN'T LIVE THIS WAY ANY LONGER.
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GORI SILVA. GORI SILVA. OKAY.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, FIRST OFF, WE'RE HERE IN MEMORY OF
19 ROBERTO LAMBRANA, KILLED AT C.Y.A., DIONNE BREWER, KILLED IN
20 C.Y.A., DIONNE WHITFIELD, KILLED AT C.Y.A. WHO WAS A RESIDENT
21 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND DARRELL FEESER, KILLED AT C.Y.A. AND
22 ALSO RECENTLY, JOSEPH MARINARO KILLED AT C.Y.A. WE'RE ALSO
23 HERE IN MEMORY OF DONALD BREWSTER, KILLED BY LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT IN COMPTON. SUSIE PINA, KILLED BY
25 L.A.P.D. AND GONZALO MARTINEZ, KILLED BY THE DOWNEY POLICE



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1 DEPARTMENT. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE UNDER ATTACK. OUR BROWN AND
2 BLACK COMMUNITIES AND WE'RE TIRED AND WE'RE FED UP OF IT.
3 WE'RE HERE TO ASK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEND AT LEAST
4 ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO CO-CHAIR OUR TASK FORCE TO CREATE
5 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE'RE ASKING NOW, THIS IS GOING
6 TO BE OUR FIRST ASK AND WE WON'T BE ASKING ANY LONGER AND WE
7 EXPECT AN ANSWER TODAY.

8

9 **CASSANDRA GONZALEZ:** THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND A
10 COUPLE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED ON TO THAT TASK FORCE TO WORK
11 TOWARDS HAVING EVERYBODY AT THE TABLE SO WE CAN ACTUALLY MAKE
12 SOMETHING HAPPEN. MY NAME IS CASSANDRA GONZALEZ, AND I'M WITH
13 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. MS. BURKE, I RECEIVED A
14 SCHOLARSHIP FROM YOUR DISTRICT BECAUSE I LIVE ON THE WEST SIDE
15 OF LOS ANGELES AND YOU HAD TOLD ME WHEN I ACCEPTED THE
16 SCHOLARSHIP IF I EVER NEEDED ANYTHING, I'M TO LET YOU KNOW
17 BECAUSE OF MY SUCCESS, BEING THAT I WAS A FORMERLY
18 INCARCERATED YOUTH. I'M COMING HERE TODAY BECAUSE I, TOO, WAS
19 INCARCERATED IN CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY. I ENDURED THE
20 MISTREATMENT BY THE GUARDS, I'VE SEEN THE KIDS GET BEAT BY THE
21 STAFF, I'VE SEEN THEM GET ADDED SENTENCES FOR MINOR, MINOR,
22 MINOR ATTITUDES GIVEN. I'VE SEEN THEM PUT US IN ENEMY SOUTH SO
23 WE CAN BEAT EACH OTHER UP OR LEARN TO GET ALONG. I'VE SEEN
24 THEM PUT BLACKS MORE ON THE GUY'S YARD AGAINST THE LATINOS IN
25 GLADIATOR FIGHTS AND FOOTBALLS AND NO RULES APPLY. I'M ALSO



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1 HERE BECAUSE, JUST SATURDAY, MY COUSIN WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD AT
2 A HOUSE PARTY. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BOXER. AND IT'S NOT A GANG
3 PROBLEM. IT'S THAT WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVES FOR THESE GANGS, WE
4 HAVE NO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. MORE MONEY GOES
5 EVERYWHERE ELSE EXCEPT TO ORGANIZATIONS. WE'RE THE ONLY YOUTH
6 RAN AND YOUTH LED ORGANIZATION THAT IS MAKING A MOVEMENT AND
7 WE ARE BROKE BECAUSE NOTHING COMES TO US. AND WE'RE TIRED OF
8 IT GOING INTO PRISONS. I DON'T WANT MY DAUGHTER TO HAVE TO GO
9 TO SCHOOL IN A PLACE WHERE IT LOOKS LIKE A PRISON. I WANT-- I
10 WANT TO PUSH FOR A MORATORIUM ON SENDING ANY MORE KIDS TO
11 CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY AND I WANT TO BRING L.A.'S YOUTH
12 HOME. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE OVER THERE. IT'S A REUNIFICATION
13 PROCESS THAT NEEDS TO OCCUR IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE
14 REHABILITATED, AND IF THEIR PARENTS CAN'T GET TO THEM, WHAT'S
15 THE POINT? 92% RECIDIVISM RATE AND 5% OF THEM WERE FOUND TO BE
16 DEAD WHEN THEY DID THE RESEARCH BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO SEE
17 WHAT WORKED. AND IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT'S JUST BEEN HAPPENING
18 WHEN I WAS THERE. MY UNCLE GOT A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AT
19 CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY AND HE'S NOW IN METROPOLITAN AND
20 BEEN THERE FOR 14 YEARS, METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL. AND I'M
21 ASKING YOU GUYS TODAY TO STEP UP BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO--
22 THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE THAT ARE GOING TO DIE AND THERE'S NO
23 WAY THAT MY DAUGHTER IS GOING TO INHERIT THIS SYSTEM.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARITZA GALVEZ AND GERMAN GUERRERO.

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4 **NOE ORGAZ:** HI. MY NAME IS NOE ORGAZ. I'M WITH THE YOUTH
5 JUSTICE COALITION. I GUESS WHAT I COULD ADD TO WHAT YOU GUYS
6 JUST HEARD IS L.A. COUNTY IS SENDING MORE YOUTH TO THE "Y"
7 THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA AND ONE PERSON ALREADY
8 DIED OUT OF L.A. COUNTY. ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR THIS COUNTY
9 ALONE AND I KNOW IT'S A HARD TASK BUT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE
10 DONE AND SHOULD BE DONE AND MUST BE DONE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF
11 MONTHS AND THAT'S NOT SEND NO MORE YOUTH TO THE CALIFORNIA
12 YOUTH AUTHORITY. I KNOW THAT MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO REFRAME THE
13 WAY WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GO AND WHAT THE JUDGES HAVE TO SAY
14 ABOUT IT AND WHAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT
15 AND THEN ALL THAT OTHER JUDICIAL STUFF, BUT WE COULD MAKE IT
16 HAPPEN WITH THIS TASK FORCE THAT WE ARE ASKING FOR TO BE SET
17 UP, AND HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS, ALL FIVE OF THE SUPERVISORS TODAY
18 COULD AGREE TO AT LEAST SENDING SOMEBODY TO REPRESENT YOU GUYS
19 IN THIS TASK FORCE. AND IT'S NOT ONLY GOING TO BENEFIT
20 BRINGING YOUTH HOME TO A CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY. WE'RE
21 ALSO LOOKING AT STOPPING THE YOUTH FROM EVEN SEEING A PRISON,
22 STOPPING JUVENILE HALLS FROM EVEN OPERATING BECAUSE, IN L.A.
23 COUNTY, WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUR YOUTH IN THE DEVELOPMENT FORM
24 INSTEAD OF JUST A STEADY INCOME FOR PRISON GUARDS OR A STEADY
25 INCOME FOR THE POLICE, BECAUSE THAT'S-- THOSE TYPE OF JOBS



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1 BASICALLY JUST LEAD YOUNG PEOPLE TO WANT TO BE VIOLENT, WANT
2 TO BE DESTRUCTIVE BECAUSE IT'S AN AUTHORITY SYSTEM THAT DOES
3 NOT ONLY-- DOES NOT SHOW ANY LEADERSHIP SKILLS, NOR DOES IT
4 SHOW ANY RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE. IT JUST SHOWS THAT YOUNG
5 PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, JUST TO BE REAL ABOUT IT AND TO
6 RELAY THE MESSAGE THE WAY IT'S BEING PRESENTED NEED TO BE
7 DOING THEIR JOB, THEIR EDUCATION AND GO ALONG WITH DAILY LIFE
8 WITHOUT EVEN STRETCHING THE EVERYDAY PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE. A
9 LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS. SOME
10 PEOPLE HAVE MENTAL ILLNESSES THAT THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT,
11 STUFF THAT EVERYDAY LIFE WE TALK ABOUT AND WE PUT MONEY INTO
12 ALL THESE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS SO WE COULD ADDRESS ALL
13 THESE ISSUES BUT YET THE KEY ISSUES ARE NEVER MET. SO THAT'S
14 WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR TODAY, THAT EVERYBODY HERE, THE COUNTY
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ONE, DEMAND A MORATORIUM TO SEND ANY
16 YOUTH FROM L.A. COUNTY TO THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY,
17 BRING ANY YOUTH THAT'S FROM L.A. COUNTY BACK HOME. IF YOU GUYS
18 WANT AN ANSWER ON WHERE THEY COULD BE HELD, THEY COULD BE AT
19 THE PROBATION CAMPS WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO HOUSE
20 THEM FOR THE MOMENT, AND THEN HAVE DIFFERENT OTHER AGENCIES
21 COME UP WITH A DRAFTING PLAN TO GET THEM OUT AND STOP THEM
22 FROM COMING BACK IN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]
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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MATTRONE HUTCHINS AND DESTINIE AND JAVIER
2 STAIRING. ALEX, WITHOUT A LAST NAME. LUIS GARCIA. DAVID
3 SANCHEZ. OKAY. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **MARITZA GALVEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARITZA GALVEZ.
6 I'M HERE WITH THE Y.J.C. WE'RE PRACTICALLY HERE BECAUSE WE'RE
7 TRYING TO CLOSE ALL C.Y.A. PRISONS. FROM MY PERSONAL
8 EXPERIENCE, MY MOTHER IS LOCKED UP RIGHT NOW, SHE'S IN JAIL,
9 ACCUSED OF SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T DO AND IT'S HARD ENOUGH FOR ME
10 JUST TO GO HOME AND NOT FIND MY MOTHER THERE. IT'S REALLY
11 HARD. THIS IS WHAT NORMALLY PEOPLE, MOTHERS IN C.Y.A., GO--
12 FEEL NOT HAVING THEIR CHILDREN WITH THEM, BECAUSE THIS FEELS
13 REALLY BAD. FOR US, JUST FOR OTHER CHILDREN THAT OUR MOTHERS
14 ARE IN C.Y.A., IT'S REALLY, REALLY HARD. IT'S REALLY HARD. AND
15 WE DON'T WANT OTHER CHILDREN AND OTHER MOTHERS TO SUFFER IN
16 THERE, WE DON'T WANT NOBODY TO SUFFER IN THERE, BECAUSE IT'S
17 TOUGH JUST FOR US, IT'S REALLY TOUGH. AND RIGHT NOW, FIVE DAYS
18 AGO, ANOTHER YOUNGSTER DIED IN C.Y.A., SUPPOSEDLY SUICIDE.
19 THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY. WE DON'T WANT THE LIVES OF OUR
20 YOUNGSTERS RIGHT HERE IN L.A. TO BE WASTED LIKE THIS. WE WANT
21 THEM-- WE WANT YOU GUYS TO CREATE-- THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE
22 OPTIONS INSTEAD OF JAILS, OPTIONS LIKE REHABILITATION, CAMPS,
23 THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HELP THEM BECOME SOMETHING, NOT JUST
24 COME OUT AND COME OUT WORSE THAN THEY WERE BEFORE, BECAUSE
25 THAT'S WHAT JAILS DO TO THEM. THEY GO IN AND THEY COME OUT



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1 WORSE. RECENTLY, WHEN WE WENT JUST GOING TO CHAD, IT WAS \$150
2 OF GAS, SIX-HOUR DRIVE, MOST OF THE Y.J.C. WENT. NORMALLY
3 MOTHERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE JAIL CAN'T
4 DO THOSE TRIPS BECAUSE THEY DON'T-- RIGHT NOW, SOUTH CENTRAL
5 IS-- L.A., THE ECONOMICAL SITUATION IS NOT THAT GOOD, SO WE
6 CAN'T AFFORD TO BE GOING UP AND DOWN, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE THAT
7 DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY, THEY CAN'T JUST GO VISIT THE INMATES
8 ALL THE WAY TO CHAD, ALL THE WAY TO STOCKTON, ALL THE WAY TO
9 SIX FLAGS, NEAR SIX FLAGS, PRESTON, THEY CAN'T AND IT'S-- WHAT
10 WE WANT IS TO CLOSE C.Y.A. GETTING TO THE POINT. WE KNOW THAT
11 YOU GUYS CAN'T DO IT BECAUSE YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE IT IN YOUR
12 HANDS BUT YOU GUYS DO HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE AND YOU GUYS CAN
13 DO AT LEAST A LITTLE THING, AT LEAST AND WE WOULD THANK YOU
14 VERY MUCH LIKE I SAY, TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OR JUST TO DO
15 SOMETHING, WE WOULD THANK YOU, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, BECAUSE
16 JUST IMAGINE BEING IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S POSITION OF HAVING TO
17 SEE YOUR KID LOCKED UP IN JAIL. THAT'S JUST SAD. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DAVID SANCHEZ. DAVID SANCHEZ. MONIQUE
21 JOHNSON. JOHNSON. AND RODRIGO VAZQUEZ. OKAY. YOU'RE ON.

22

23 **MATTRONE HUTCHINS:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS MATTRONE HUTCHINS AND
24 I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, FIRST OF ALL AND I'M HERE BASICALLY
25 ON BEHALF OF, YOU KNOW, ALL THE SUICIDE DEATHS AND ALL THE



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1 CONSTANT DECAYING OF QUALITY OF LIFE THAT'S HAPPENING MINUTE
2 BY MINUTE AS WE SPEAK INSIDE A PRISON AND OUTSIDE, BECAUSE WE
3 ALL ARE AWARE THAT ONE DOESN'T NEED TO BE INSIDE A PRISON TO
4 LIVE IN A PRISON KIND OF LIFESTYLE, YOU KNOW, OR EVEN A
5 CRIMINAL TYPE OF MIND FRAME, AND SO I BELIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW,
6 THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONLY WITH INSIDE OF THE PRISONS OR INSIDE
7 THE YOUTH JUSTICE-- I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION BUT I
8 DON'T BELIEVE THE PROBLEM IS JUST WITH-- INSIDE OF THE PRISON
9 HALLS OR WALLS. THE PROBLEMS OF SELF-RESPECT AND THE CARE OF
10 PROPERTY AND THE RESPECT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S CULTURES, THEY'RE
11 NOT BEING DEALT WITH AND THEY'RE NOT BEING PROMOTED ON THE
12 STREETS, OUT HERE AND THEY'RE NOT BEING PROMOTED ESPECIALLY
13 INSIDE THE CONFINES AND I BELIEVE THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT IS
14 GOING TO TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY AND SAY-- AND BE THE
15 UPHOLDER OF JUSTICE, I BELIEVE THAT THOSE ISSUES SHOULD BE
16 DEALT WITH AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUPPORTED, THINGS THAT HAVE
17 TO DO WITH SELF-RESPECT, PROMOTING SELF-RESPECT AND THE
18 QUALITY OF LIFE, ALL THOSE SOCIAL PROGRAMS OF THAT NATURE. ALL
19 THE MONEY, ALL THE TAXES THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKES OUT TO
20 BUILD PRISONS AND TO KEEP THE CYCLE ROLLING, I BELIEVE THAT
21 WE'RE DESERVED THAT THEY DO SOMETHING TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM.
22 THAT'S IT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **MATTRONE HUTCHINS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

2

3 **ALEXANDER CALDERON:** GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD EVENING, WHATEVER
4 THIS MAY BE. MY NAME IS ALEXANDER CALDERON. I'M A PAROLEE. MY
5 NUMBER IS 88741. I CAME HERE TO SPEAK TODAY, IF I CAN GET YOUR
6 ATTENTION, PLEASE, TO SPEAK TO YOU ON MY EXPERIENCE IN "Y." I
7 WAS INCARCERATED IN "Y" FOR THREE YEARS. DURING THOSE THREE
8 YEARS, I EXPERIENCED MANY THINGS THAT I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED
9 BEFORE. I WITNESSED MANY THINGS THAT I'VE NEVER WITNESSED
10 BEFORE. AND DURING THOSE THREE YEARS THAT I LIVED IN Y.A. IN
11 THAT ENVIRONMENT, THERE'S MANY TIMES WHERE I FELT LIKE THE
12 OTHER FIVE WARDS OR CONVICTED FELONS OR WHATEVER THEY MAY BE
13 CALLED, INMATES, I EXPERIENCED THE SAME THING, I HAD THE SAME
14 CHOICE, THE SAME THOUGHT, DO I WANT TO LIVE? DO I WANT TO LIVE
15 IN THIS HELL? DO I WANT TO DIE? SHOULD I KILL MYSELF? OR
16 SHOULD I JUST STAY A LITTLE STRONGER OR SHOULD I JUST BE A
17 PREDATOR AND PREY UPON ANYBODY ELSE WHO WAS WEAKER ON ME, LIKE
18 THOSE WHO KILLED THEMSELVES WHO WERE WEAKER? THEY COULD NOT
19 STAND OR BEAR TO WAKE UP ANOTHER DAY IN Y.A., TO WAKE UP TO
20 ANOTHER HELLHOLE. NOW, IF I CAME IN HERE AND TOLD YOU THAT IT
21 WAS ALL NICE AND DANDY, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T WANT TO HEAR
22 THAT AND I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE HERE. BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
23 IT'S NOT DISNEY LAND. AND IT'S NOT THE PLACE WHERE WE ALL GO
24 TO AND JAIL WASN'T MEANT TO BE NICE, IT WASN'T MEANT TO THEM
25 FOR TO TAKE CARE OF ME, IT WASN'T MEANT FOR THAT, BUT IT ALSO



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1 WASN'T MEANT FOR ME TO COME OUT THE SAME WAY THAT I WENT IN
2 THERE AND NOT EVEN THE SAME WAY, BECAUSE I CAME OUT EVEN
3 WORSE, NOT GIVING A [EXPLETIVE], EXCUSE MY [EXPLETIVE]
4 LANGUAGE, BUT THE SAME WAY THAT I CAME IN, IS THE SAME WAY
5 THAT I CAME OUT, AND THE SAME WAY THAT ALL THE OTHER INMATES
6 THAT GO IN THERE, THE SAME WAY THEY'LL COME OUT, AND EVEN
7 WORSE. SO YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN AND YOU WORRY ABOUT
8 THE PEOPLE THEY SEND IN THERE, IF THEY'RE GETTING THE RIGHT
9 HELP, BECAUSE WHEN YOU WALK DOWN THE STREET AND YOU SEE ME,
10 YEAH, YOU GRAB YOUR PURSE, YOU GRAB YOUR CHILDREN, YOU MOVE TO
11 THE SIDE, YOU WALK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET BECAUSE
12 YOU'RE SCARED BUT STILL YOU SEND THESE KIDS IN THERE, YOU
13 STILL SEND ME IN THERE AND YOU STILL EXPECT ME TO CHANGE, WHEN
14 NOTHING CHANGES IN THERE, WHEN IT'S STILL THE SAME AND WORSE,
15 WHERE I WITNESSED, WEAK, WEAK, WEAKER, BECAUSE I AM WEAK ALSO,
16 I WITNESSED WEAKER, WEAKER PEOPLE THAN ME BE SEXUALLY ABUSED,
17 SEXUALLY ATTACKED, BE RAPED, BEING FORCED TO DO SEXUAL THINGS
18 THEY DO NOT WANT TO DO. I WITNESSED THAT. I WITNESSED GUARDS
19 TAKE ABUSE UPON INMATES AS MYSELF. I'VE BEEN ATTACKED. I'VE
20 BEEN SO MANY THINGS BEEN DONE TO ME AND I'VE DONE OTHER THINGS
21 IN THERE ALSO. SO IF YOU WANT TO WORRY ABOUT, OH, WHAT IS HE
22 GOING TO DO, WELL, THINK ABOUT IT TWICE, BECAUSE I AM WHAT THE
23 SYSTEM CREATED. AND I AM A RISK AND I AM THE SAME PERSON THAT
24 WENT IN THERE HAS NOT CHANGED, HAS NOT GOT ONE PIECE OF HELP,
25 HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE LIFESTYLE THAT I LIVED. YOU JUST WANT



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1 TO OPEN YOUR SIZE. GO TO Y.A. AND OPEN YOUR EYES AND
2 [EXPLETIVE] WHAT THEY SAY IN THOSE REPORTS BECAUSE IT'S NOT
3 TRUE AND THIS IS WHO I AM. Y.A. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. THANK YOU. [
6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. PLEASE. WE WOULD PREFER NO
9 APPLAUSE, LET-- ALLOW EVERYBODY TO MAKE THEIR TESTIMONY.
10 PLEASE. NEXT.

11

12 **MONIQUE JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME
13 IS MONIQUE JOHNSON, I'M THE MOTHER OF A YOUNG MAN WHO IS ALSO
14 IN C.Y.A. AND ACTUALLY I JOINED IN WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
15 COALITION BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN WHAT THEY'RE STANDING FOR ALONG
16 WITH MANY OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. WE'RE CALLING FOR THE
17 CLOSURE OF THE YOUTH FACILITY, SPECIFICALLY CHAD FIRST AND ALL
18 OTHER C.Y.A. UNITS BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY, THE
19 THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THAT PLACE. MY SON HIMSELF WAS ONE
20 OF THE KIDS IN THERE WHO COULD NOT GET HIS EDUCATION BUT THANK
21 GOD FOUGHT AND HE FOUGHT AND HE GOT PETITIONS OUT TO GET A
22 TEACHER IN THERE, BECAUSE-- YOU'LL SEE THE REPORTS. THE
23 INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS A REPORT ON HOW THEY'RE NOT EVEN TURNING
24 THE TEACHERS OVER. TEACHER LEAVES, THEY LEAVE IT EMPTY AND
25 THEY DON'T FULFILL THE EDUCATIONAL ROLES QUICK ENOUGH. NOT



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1 ONLY THAT, THE RACIAL VIOLENCE THAT'S GOING ON. THE TENSIONS
2 THAT'S GOING ON. RECENTLY, THE YOUNG MEN WERE IN CHURCH THE
3 WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST, THEY WERE ATTACKED, IT WAS A RACE RIOT
4 RIGHT IN THE CHURCH. THERE IS POOR LEADERSHIP IN THESE
5 FACILITIES AND THESE YOUNG MEN ARE INDEED COMING OUT WORSE
6 THAN WHEN THEY WENT IN. YES, WE KNOW THEY'VE MADE SOME BAD
7 CHOICES, THEY'VE MADE MISTAKES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE A NEW NAMED
8 CALLED DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION.
9 REHABILITATION HAS TO TAKE PLACE NOT IN NAME ONLY BUT IT HAS
10 TO TAKE PLACE-- IT HAS TO BE APPLIED AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
11 TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF EVERY AGENCY TO
12 MAKE THIS THING HAPPEN QUICK AND FAST. THE CLOSURE AND THE
13 REPLACEMENT WITH NEW ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T
14 DO THIS, WE ARE ALL VICTIMS. WE DO NOT HAVE A GOOD LEADERSHIP
15 RIGHT NOW, A STRONG LEADERSHIP. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUR
16 FUTURE. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE
17 NOT GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE, ARE OUR FUTURE AND WE CAN HAVE A LOT
18 OF POWER WITH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IF WE CAN START BEING MORE
19 PREVENTIVE, CORRECTING WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STREETS RIGHT
20 NOW AS OPPOSED TO LOCKING THEM AWAY AND JUST LUMPING THEM IN.
21 MY KID WAS TRIED AS AN ADULT AND HE HASN'T EVEN DONE A VIOLENT
22 CRIME, NEVER PULLED A TRIGGER BUT HE WAS WITH AN ADULT AND SO
23 NOW HE'S LUMPED IN THERE. AND WHEN HE COMES OUT, IF HE DOESN'T
24 HAVE AN EDUCATION OR ANY TYPE OF RESOURCE, HE CAN BE WORSE
25 THAN WHEN HE WENT IN. THANK GOD RIGHT NOW WE'RE FIGHTING AND



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1 FIGHTING AND FIGHTING TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN BUT
2 LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ALL THE REST OF THE KIDS RIGHT
3 NOW. AND WHO'S TO SAY, IF MY KID DOESN'T GET SOME SUPPORT AS
4 WELL, HE'S NOT GOING TO BE THE NEXT PERSON COMING OUT AND WE
5 ALL BECOME VICTIMS OF WHAT THEY'RE DEALING WITH, BECAUSE
6 THERE'S NO RESOURCE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY'RE GOING IN
7 AND THEY'RE COMING OUT WORSE THAN BEFORE THEY WENT IN AND WE
8 NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION. THERE ARE MODEL
9 PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND OTHER STATES THAT HAVE
10 AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING BACK
11 TO JAIL AND THEY ARE PRODUCTIVE AND CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIETY
12 AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE PUSHING FOR. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE ANTHONY MARSH,
15 SAMANTHA AND KIM MCGILL. SIR, YOU'RE NEXT.

16

17 **RODRIGO:** HI. MY NAME IS RODRIGO "FROGGY" WITH THE Y.J.C. ONE
18 OF THE REASONS WE STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR THE CLOSURE OF C.Y.A.
19 IS BECAUSE MOST OF THE KIDS THAT GET LOCKED UP, WELL, ONE OF
20 THE REASONS IS BECAUSE A LOT OF KIDS GET LOCKED UP FROM L.A.
21 COUNTY AND THEY GET SENT UP NORTH AND FAMILIES, THE
22 COMMUNITIES WHERE I LIVE, WHERE WE GROW UP, WE DON'T GOT MONEY
23 LIKE THAT TO GO VISIT FAMILY UP IN THE NORTH AND I DON'T KNOW
24 ABOUT YOU GUYS BUT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT FAMILY IS A STRONG
25 PART OF REHABILITATION AND, WITHOUT THE FAMILY SUPPORT, IT'S



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1 REALLY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE UP, LOSE HOPE. SO IT'S ONLY
2 COMMON SENSE THAT, IF YOU KEEP AROUND, YOU KNOW, WE BELIEVE
3 THAT, INSTEAD OF TAKING AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE
4 THEY'RE STILL GOING TO COME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY ANYWAY, WHY
5 PLAY WITH THE PROBLEM? WHY NOT JUST PUT SOMETHING IN THE
6 COMMUNITY THAT HELPS BENEFIT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE?
7 WE STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.
8 EVERYBODY KNOWS C.Y.A. AIN'T WORKING. THE LEAST THEY COULD DO
9 IS KEEP THEM ALIVE. THEY'RE NOT EVEN DOING THAT. SO WE'RE
10 SAYING THEY GO FOR NOTHING. AT THE VERY LEAST THEY COULD DO IS
11 KEEP THEM ALIVE. THAT WOULD BE A SHAME. SHAME IS NOT EVEN THE
12 WORD. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IS THE WORD. IT'S A DISGRACE TO
13 THE PROGRAM THAT IT'S STILL STANDING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY--
14 WELL, I MEAN, I'M TELLING YOU GUYS, YOU GUYS SHOULD BEING OUT
15 THERE AND SAYING CLOSE THAT PLACE. SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING SOME
16 PAPERWORK, DOING SOME RESEARCH. IT'S TIME FOR POLITICIANS TO
17 STEP UP OR STEP DOWN. EITHER THEY'RE GOING TO HELP US OR
18 THEY'RE NOT HELPING US AT ALL. AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE
19 TRYING TO ADVOCATE FOR IS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION SUCH
20 AS A PROGRAM CALLED YOUTH BUILD, WHICH I WENT THROUGH AND A
21 LOT OF MY FRIENDS WENT THROUGH. A PROGRAM REALLY HELPED ME
22 OUT, YOU KNOW, REALLY HELPED OUT WITH MY SITUATION. THERE WERE
23 FRIENDS, THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, SO I STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR
24 YOUTH BUILD. I GRADUATED FROM YOUTH BUILD, YOU KNOW? A LOT OF
25 GUYS DIDN'T MAKE IT, OUT OF, LIKE, STARTING LIKE, 40, 50 DEEP,



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1 ONLY GRADUATED, LIKE, 20, LIKE, HALF BUT EVERYBODY THAT MADE
2 IT, IT MADE US STRONGER, YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF GOING TO Y.A.
3 AND COMING OUT WEAKER AND VIOLENT AND MORE AGGRESSIVE, WHICH
4 IS NOT HOW YOU MAKE YOURSELF, IT'S HOW THE SYSTEM MAKES YOU,
5 BECAUSE THEY DON'T GO IN THERE SAYING, "OH, I WANT TO FIGHT, I
6 WANT TO GET MORE AGGRESSIVE, I WANT TO COME OUT MORE VIOLENT."
7 NO. THEY'RE FORCED TO GO IN THERE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE STRONGLY
8 PUSHING FOR, EVERYBODY IN HERE, TO STOP SENDING YOUTH TO THE
9 YOUTH AUTHORITY. WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, SO WHY ARE
10 WE SENDING THEM? IF WE DON'T GOT OTHER PLACES TO SEND THEM,
11 LET'S MAKE THESE PLACES TO SEND THEM. STOP WASTING OUR MONEY
12 BECAUSE C.Y.A. IS A WASTE OF MONEY, A WASTE OF SPACE, A WASTE
13 OF LIFE, AND A WASTING OF THE COMMUNITY'S MONEY. IT'S JUST A
14 WASTE OF EVERYTHING. SO WHY HAVE IT? LET'S GET RID OF IT.
15 BRING THE COMMUNITY BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY IS
16 SUFFERING WITHOUT THE YOUTH.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **RODRIGO:** SO STEP UP OR STEP DOWN. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. MARSH. COULD YOU STOP WITH
23 THE APPLAUSE? YOU'RE INTERRUPTING PEOPLE. PLEASE. MR. MARSH.

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1 **ANTHONY MARSH:** I'M ANTHONY MARSH WITH PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS
2 UNITING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR
3 ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S PROBABLY VERY
4 LITTLE I CAN ADD TO WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN SAID. THE EXTENT OF
5 THE PROBLEMS AT C.Y.A., AS FAR AS ANYONE CAN TELL, FROM THOSE
6 PRESENT HERE TO THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED THERE IS FAR OUT OF
7 CONTROL BUT THE QUESTION ISN'T NECESSARILY ABOUT C.Y.A., IT
8 ISN'T ABOUT THE BRUTALITY THERE, IT ISN'T ABOUT THE DEATHS, IT
9 ISN'T ABOUT THE COUNTLESS REPORTS DOCUMENTING THE ABUSES. WHAT
10 IS THIS REALLY ABOUT? TODAY THIS IS REALLY ABOUT ALL OF YOU
11 THERE AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ABOUT WHAT
12 YOU CAN DO AND WHAT YOU WILL DO AND WHAT YOU'RE WILLING TO DO.
13 THE IRONY OF THIS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THIS HEARING, IS THAT THIS
14 IS NOT SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE HERE NEED TO SAY TO YOU
15 BUT WHAT YOU NEED TO SAY TO US. WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT AT
16 THIS HEARING IS FOR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THESE ABUSES HAVE
17 CONTINUED AND HAVE BEEN PROLONGED. MY QUESTION IS, WHAT WILL
18 YOU DO? THERE ARE MANY HERE PRESENT WHO ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT
19 WHAT CAN BE DONE. THEY QUESTION ABOUT THE COMPETENCY, THE
20 WILLINGNESS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE OTHER
21 DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. IT'S A QUESTION OF
22 JURISDICTION IN MOST CASES. IF THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT YOUR
23 DISTRICT, THEREFORE IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM, THEREFORE IT MUST BE
24 DEFERRED TO ANOTHER OFFICE, PERHAPS TO THE GOVERNOR, PERHAPS
25 TO THE COURTS, PERHAPS TO A SENATOR OR A DISTRICT



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1 REPRESENTATIVE. IT'S THAT GO-AROUND THAT'S FRUSTRATED THE
2 COMMUNITY HERE PRESENT AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED AN ANSWER. WE'RE
3 ASKING FOR SOMETHING LIKE A LETTER, SOMETHING LIKE AN
4 APPOINTING OF A REPRESENTATIVE. THE PROBLEMS AT C.Y.A. ARE
5 TANTAMOUNT, NOT GREATER THAN THE PROBLEMS YOU'RE FACING AT
6 DREW MEDICAL. YOU HAVE A PROBLEM THAT'S BREWING AND THIS IS
7 JUST THE SURFACE OF IT. I'VE SPOKEN PERSONALLY WITH SOME OF
8 YOUR STAFF AND I KNOW HOW WELL YOU WORK. I KNOW PERSONALLY ZEV
9 YAROSLAVSKY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPUTY AND HOW EFFICIENT HE IS.
10 I KNOW THINGS CAN BE DONE. I KNOW A PHONE CALL CAN MATTER AND
11 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOU'VE HEARD THE PLEAS OF THE PEOPLE HERE,
12 THE TESTIMONY. I'VE HEARD REFERENCES TO THE DEATH OF THE JUDGE
13 REHNQUIST, I'VE HEARD YOU GRIEVE OVER THE PEOPLE IN NEW
14 ORLEANS. YOU HAVE PEOPLE HERE SUFFERING TOO IN LOS ANGELES.
15 YOU REPRESENT ALMOST 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN YOUR COUNTY. YOU
16 HAVE OVERWHELMING POWER AND OVERSIGHT. IT NEEDS TO BE
17 EXERCISED JUDICIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY. I KNOW YOU HAVE IT
18 WITHIN YOUR CONSCIENCE TO DO IT, SO I PLEAD TO YOU WITH THE
19 PEOPLE HERE THAT HAVE SPOKEN THAT YOU CARRY FORTH YOUR DUTIES.
20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ATTENTION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SAMANTHA.

23

24 **DESTINIE:** ACTUALLY, MY NAME IS DESTINIE AND I FEEL THAT IF YOU
25 CAN AT LEAST HELP US WITH OUR PROBLEM, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE



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1 TO SEND A CHILD THAT WAS ON THE STREET TO THE Y.A. IT ISN'T
2 RIGHT. I FEEL THAT, IF A CHILD, MYSELF, I HAVE COMMITTED A
3 CRIME BUT, THEY PUT-- FOR ME, IT WAS NOT EVEN THAT BIG OF A
4 CRIME AND THEY PUT FOR ME Y.A. WHY SOMETHING THAT LITTLE
5 SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE KIDS KILL THEIRSELVES.
6 MOST OF MY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN THERE. ONE WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BY
7 A GUARD AND GOT HIS JOB BACK. ANOTHER HUNG HIMSELF. ONE OF MY
8 FRIENDS I WAS WALKING WITH DOWN THE STREET YESTERDAY WAS SENT
9 TO Y.A. JUST FOR HAVING A BLUE BANDANNA IN HIS BACK POCKET. IF
10 YOU GUYS WOULD TAKE SOMEONE THAT LITTLE FOR SOMETHING THAT
11 LITTLE TO Y.A., WHAT ELSE COULD YOU TAKE THEM FOR? PEOPLE ARE
12 WELL EDUCATED THAT GO THERE AND COME OUT AND DON'T KNOW
13 NOTHING ABOUT LIFE ANY MORE. MYSELF, I AM A WELL EDUCATED
14 YOUNG LADY AND I LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THIS: IF YOU'LL TAKE ME
15 FOR DOING SOMETHING VERY SMALL, THEN WHAT ELSE WILL YOU SEND
16 ME FOR? WILL YOU SEND ME FOR JUST YELLING AT MY MOM? WILL YOU
17 SEND ME FOR TRUANCY? DITCHING CLASS? THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
18 IF YOU GUYS HAVE THE POWER TO DO OTHER THINGS, HOW COME YOU
19 CAN'T HAVE THE POWER TO STOP C.Y.A. FROM SENDING KIDS TO THIS
20 PLACE? DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE? I HOPE IT DOES, BECAUSE I'M
21 TRYING TO GET A POINT THROUGH. IF I DON'T GET IT THROUGH,
22 THAT'S ON Y'ALL. WHAT IF YOU GUYS HAD CHILDREN THAT WERE SENT
23 THERE? WHAT IF YOU WERE SENT THERE? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL? PEOPLE
24 TALK ABOUT IT, LIKE, "OH, IT'S NOTHING, I'VE BEEN THERE," BUT,
25 TRUST ME, WHEN THEY GO BACK THEY FEEL LIKE I BRAGGED ABOUT



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1 SOMETHING I NEVER WANTED TO DO AGAIN. THINK ABOUT IT. LET IT
2 FLOW THROUGH YOUR MIND FOR AWHILE. YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THESE
3 KIDS AND SAY, GOSH, THEY'VE BEEN THERE MORE THAN ONCE, MORE
4 THAN TWICE, MAYBE 50 TIMES. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT,
5 THEN YOU NEED TO SOLVE IT, BECAUSE AIN'T NOTHING GOING WRONG
6 HERE. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** KIM.

9

10 **KIM MCGILL:** I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD A LOT FROM PEOPLE TODAY. I
11 JUST WANTED TO PUT A HUMAN FACE ON WHAT HAPPENED. WE'VE BEEN
12 WORKING A LOT WITH THE FAMILIES, BOTH IN LOS ANGELES AND
13 ACROSS THE STATE THAT HAVE LOST PEOPLE IN C.Y.A. THIS DARRELL
14 FEESTER AND HIS FATHER. DYRON BREWER, WHO DIED A YEAR AGO IN
15 C.Y.A. CHAD. DION WHITFIELD, WHO'S FROM LOS ANGELES, WHO DIED
16 IN JANUARY OF 2004 IN PRESTON. TWO PEOPLE, WHO WE DON'T HAVE
17 PICTURES FOR, THAT I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE: JOSEPH
18 MALDINALDO, WHO DIED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AND-- NO, WE WANT
19 THEM BACK. WE CAN GET YOU PICTURES-- AND ROBERTO LAMBANO. I
20 THINK THAT THE WAY L.A. COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA TENDS TO VILIFY,
21 TENDS TO CRIMINALIZE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THEN THINK THAT THAT'S
22 OKAY THEN TO THROW THEM AWAY, IS WHAT'S MOST DISCOURAGE AND
23 HORRIFIC ABOUT THIS WHOLE SITUATION. TO THINK THAT THE DEATHS
24 IN C.Y.A. ARE NOT IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE
25 DONE A CRIME TO GET THERE. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE THINK THAT



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1 YOU HAVE TO DO A SERIOUS CRIMES TO GET THERE AND I DON'T THINK
2 ANYONE BELONGS THERE. BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT JOSEPH
3 MALDONADO HAD AUTO THEFT GOT HIM TO C.Y.A. NOT CARJACKING WITH
4 A WEAPON. AUTO THEFT. THAT A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE IN
5 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION STARTED IN THE SYSTEM ON MINOR
6 THINGS, ON MINOR VIOLATIONS. SOMETHING WE ASK ADULTS OFTEN,
7 AND I'M GOING TO PUT YOU GUYS THROUGH THE SAME TEST, HOW MANY
8 OF YOU SKIPPED SCHOOL WITHOUT YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION? HOW
9 MANY OF YOU, JUST BY A SHOW OF HANDS, SKIPPED SCHOOL WITHOUT
10 YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION, EVER? NOBODY? YOU NEVER DRANK
11 ALCOHOL BEFORE YOUR 21ST BIRTHDAY WITHOUT YOUR PARENTS'
12 PERMISSION? BECAUSE WE SEE YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY DAY GETTING
13 THREE, 400-DOLLAR TICKETS AND GETTING LOCKED UP IN JUVENILE
14 HALL. THAT'S THEIR FIRST ENTRY, THOSE KIND OF OFFENSES ARE
15 THEIR FIRST ENTRY AND IF THEY'RE NOT DEALT WITH AND THEY DON'T
16 GET HELP AT HOME AND WE SEE THEM COME BACK INTO JUVENILE HALL
17 AND THE JUDGES SAY, "WE CAN'T DEAL WITH YOU AT CAMP, WE CAN'T
18 DEAL WITH YOU IN THE HALLS," WE SEE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT
19 EVENTUALLY GO TO C.Y.A. FOR THINGS AS SMALL AS, LIKE JOSEPH
20 MALDINALDO, AUTO THEFT. SO THAT'S THE FIRST LIE THAT NEEDS TO
21 BE DONE AWAY WITH. THE SECOND LIE IS THAT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING
22 WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES OR IN CALIFORNIA EXCEPT
23 C.Y.A. WE'VE SEEN BETTER SYSTEMS IN BRAZIL. WE'VE SEEN BETTER
24 SYSTEMS IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE THE POVERTY IS MUCH GREATER AND
25 WHERE THE RESOURCES ARE MUCH LESS. IF WE CAN'T SOLVE IT IN THE



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1 FIFTH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD, IN L.A. COUNTY, ONE OF THE
2 RICHEST CITIES IN THE WORLD, THEN WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF
3 OURSELVES, WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF OURSELVES THAT WE'RE NUMBER
4 ONE IN INCARCERATION AND NUMBER 49 IN EDUCATION IN THE RICHEST
5 COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES. THIRD, I THINK THE LIE THAT GETS
6 TOLD ALL THE TIME IS THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASSAULTING THE
7 GUARDS, THAT SOMEHOW YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING THE C.Y.A. KIND OF
8 PUT THE SYSTEM IN CHAOS AND THAT ALL THE STUFF THAT COMES BACK
9 ON THEM IS THEIR OWN FAULT. WE'VE SEEN SYSTEMS ALL OVER THE
10 COUNTRY AND ALL OVER THE WORLD WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE KEPT 20
11 PEOPLE, 30, 40 PEOPLE TO A FACILITY. NOT 200, 300, 400 PEOPLE
12 TO A FACILITY. WHERE PEOPLE ARE KEPT IN DORM ROOMS...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, MS. MCGILL.

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16 **KIM MCGILL:** SAME CAUSES. THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CLASS A
17 FELONIES KEPT IN DORM ROOMS WITH THEIR OWN PERSONALS AND NOT
18 KEPT IN LOCKED CELLS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. MCGILL. NEXT WE
21 HAVE REVEREND C.R. TILLMAN AND E.Z. SNELL.

22

23 **REVEREND TILLMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE NOT TO SPEAK ON THE YOUTH
25 ISSUE, ALTHOUGH I'VE BEEN VERY TOUCHED BY THE TESTIMONY OF THE



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1 ARTICULATE YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT I'M HERE FOR A DIFFERENT MATTER.
2 YOUR AGENDA ITEM 65-A AND I WOULD ASK FOR COURTESY TO ALLOW
3 THIS COMMENT TO BE CHARGED TO THAT ITEM. I WOULD LIKE TO START
4 BY TELLING A SHORT STORY OR A JOKE, IF THAT'S ALLOWABLE AT
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE WAS A BUS THAT'S TAKING A GROUP OF
6 ADULTS, WHITE AND BLACK, THROUGH A CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR OF THE
7 SOUTH AND THE BUS WAS LOADED WITH ACCESSORIES AND CAMERAS AND
8 THINGS OF THIS SORT SO THEY CAN SIGHTSEE. THE BUS ALSO HAD
9 SLICK TIRES BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT AFFORD TO REPLACE THE OLD
10 TIRES AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME, SO THEY FIGURED THEY WOULD MAKE
11 THIS LAST RUN THEN THEY WOULD REPLACE THE TIRES. ANYWAY, AS
12 THEY WERE GOING THROUGH ALABAMA AND GEORGIA AND MISSISSIPPI,
13 THERE WAS A RAIN STORM, SUDDEN RAINSTORM AND THE BUS CRASHED,
14 AND I THANK YOU FOR PAYING ATTENTION. AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE ON
15 THE BUS WERE SHOCKED AND IN A UPROAR AND FINALLY THE BUS
16 SETTLED AND IT WAS WRECKED. AND ONLY THE CAUCASIANS IN THE BUS
17 DIED. SO THE C.H.P. WAS ASKED BY ONE OF THE PASSER BYS, HOW IS
18 IT THAT ALL THE WHITES DIED AND THE BLACKS LIVED? HE SAID,
19 "WELL, ALL THE WHITES WERE IN THE FRONT OF THE BUS AND THE
20 BLACK WERE IN THE BACK." SO, WHAT IS THE MORAL OF THIS JOKE?
21 THAT SOMETIMES RACIAL ATTITUDES AND TRADITIONS AND LAWS AFFECT
22 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN NATURE COMES INTO THE MIX. THIS REMINDS ME
23 OF WHAT HAPPENED IN NEW ORLEANS. I HEAR THE COMMUNITY TALKING,
24 BOTH SIDES AND ONE SIDE, THEY SAY THE THE STATE, LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT AND THE FEDERAL JUST DID A LAND GRAB WITHOUT USING



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1 EMINENT DOMAIN AND RELOCATION FUNDS AND JUST WANTED TO TAKE
2 BACK THAT TERRITORY AND THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE POOR,
3 INSENSITIVE PEOPLE THERE AND JUST LET THEM DIE. THE OTHER
4 PEOPLE SAY, HOW CAN YOU PLAN FOR THIS TYPE OF CATASTROPHE OF A
5 BIBLICAL NATURE? SO, THEREFORE, IT'S NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S
6 FAULT. WE WARNED THOSE DUMB S.O. WHATEVER THEY WANT TO SAY
7 THEY WERE AND THAT'S THEIR FAULT THEY DIED THERE. SO, I DON'T
8 WANT TO GET INTO THE BLAME GAME, WHO IS AT FAULT AND WHAT IS
9 THE TRUTH OF THIS MATTER, WHAT I WANTED TO DO WAS TO PRESENT A
10 SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY MY
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO HAS A GREAT INFLUENCE WITH THE
12 BLACK COMMUNITY. AND THAT IS, ONE, ASK THE MINISTERS TO STEP
13 UP TO THE PLATE AND SCREEN THEIR MEMBERS OF THEIR CONGREGATION
14 AND FIND HOMES FOR SOME OF THESE DISPLACED RESIDENTS IN NEW
15 ORLEANS. IT'S TIME FOR THEM NOT TO USE A CHURCH, AS SOME
16 PEOPLE SAY, AS A MONEY CHANGER...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE, REVEREND TILLMAN.

19

20 **REVEREND TILLMAN:** I'M SUMMARIZING, THANK YOU. AND THAT IS,
21 BRING THEM OUT HERE TO CALIFORNIA, ONE OF THE RICHEST STATES
22 AND I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU ACTED SO SWIFTLY TO PUT THIS
23 INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **REVEREND TILLMAN:** AND I'M OUT OF TIME...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **REVEREND TILLMAN:** ...BUT YOU GET MY DRIFT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU ARE OUT OF TIME. YES, WE DO. THANK
9 YOU.

10

11 **REVEREND TILLMAN:** AND I THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SNELL.

14

15 **E. T. SNELL:** FIRST OFF, GLORIA, IT'S E. T. SNELL. I DON'T LIKE
16 TO BE CALLED OUT OF NAME, IT'S NOT E. Z. SNELL. I'M SURE YOU
17 KNOW WHO I AM BUT I'D LIKE TO STAND UP AND GIVING THESE
18 CHILDREN AN APPLAUSE FOR COMING HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT TAKES A
19 LOT OF GUTS WITH A MENTAL DISABILITY, A.D.D., AND BIPOLAR, 86%
20 OF US HAVE MENTAL DISABILITIES. JUST BECAUSE WE ARE MENTALLY
21 DISABLED, DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE NOT ABLE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU SHOULD LOOK AT YOUR HANDWRITING IN THE
24 FUTURE...

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1 **E. T. SNELL:** I SALUTE THESE CHILDREN LOOKING FOR CHANGE.

2 GLORIA, I DON'T INTERRUPT YOU IN YOUR TIME, YOU'RE EATING UP
3 MY TIME, YOU'RE PULLING THAT SAME OLD CRAP....

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M JUST TRYING TO POINT IT OUT.

6

7 **E. T. SNELL:** ...TO TRY TO KEEP ME SHUT UP SO PLEASE LISTEN.
8 PLEASE LISTEN, YOU KNOW?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU BETTER WATCH IT, MR. SNELL.

11

12 **E. T. SNELL:** BUT STOP THE CLOCK, OR STOP THE CLOCK...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SNELL...

15

16 **E. T. SNELL:** GLORIA MOLINA, LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I'M ACCUSING
17 YOU OF TODAY. THE BAIL BONDS ISSUES, MIKE HERNANDEZ. MIKE
18 HERNANDEZ WAS A DRUG ADDICT. YOU GAVE HIM YOUR L.A. CITY
19 COUNSEL SEAT. HE WAS A BAIL BONDSMAN. WHY IS IT, GLORIA, THAT
20 YOU AND YVONNE, WITH CELES KING, IN BED WITH THOSE PEOPLE, WHY
21 IS IT THAT YOU DON'T TELL THE POOR IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES
22 PEOPLE THAT A \$50,000 BAIL IS \$300 BY POSTING IT THROUGH THE
23 COURTS AND COUNTY COUNSEL WHICH WE NEED SOME REFORM AND GET
24 THE MESSAGE OUT. MY NAME IS E.T. SNELL. I'M FOUNDER OF THE
25 CALIFORNIA PRISON REFORM ACT. WE WANT TO ELECT THE DIRECTOR OF



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1 CORRECTIONS, YOUTH AUTHORITY, MEN, WOMEN, BOYS, AND GIRLS BY
2 THE PEOPLE. WE'VE HAD THIS SINCE '96. ALSO, I JUST STARTED A
3 NEW CAMPAIGN AND WE HAVE A JUDGE WHO WAS A PEDOPHILE. IT'S
4 WWW.CHILDMOLESTERKAMANSKY. HE'S A PEDOPHILE JUDGE THAT'S ON
5 THE BENCH. EVERY JUDGE IN RANCHO KNEW ABOUT IT. NOT ONE OF
6 THEM STOOD UP SO WE'RE RECALLING EVERY ONE OF THE LONG DRESS
7 WEAR-- YOU NEVER TRUST A GROWN MAN IN A LONG BLACK DRESS. LET
8 ME TELL YOU WHAT, SUPERVISORS, AND MIKE, I HOPE YOU HAVE THE
9 GUTS TO SEND SOMEBODY TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
10 CORRECTIONS MEETINGS BECAUSE IT'S A BUNCH OF BUREAUCRAT'S RED
11 TAPE, I'LL ELECT THIS GUY, THAT NICE BLACK GENTLEMAN THAT RUNS
12 THE YOUTH AUTHORITY. WE NEED TO ELECT THE DIRECTOR OF
13 CORRECTIONS BY THE PEOPLE, WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE BURKES,
14 THE MOLINAS OF THE WORLD THAT PILFER OFF THE POOR PEOPLE. THE
15 BAIL BONDSMEN LAST YEAR MADE \$200 MILLION. WHY IS IT, GLORIA
16 AND YVONNE, THAT YOU WON'T TELL THAT THE IMPOVERISHED
17 COMMUNITY, UNDER PENAL CODE SECTION 1298, THAT THEY CAN POST
18 THEIR REAL ESTATE TO THE COURT, THE FEDERAL COURT THROUGH THE
19 BAIL BONDSMAN OUT OF THE FEDERAL COURT LINKING HIM TO
20 ORGANIZED CRIME AND THAT'S THE TROUGH THAT YOU PEOPLE DRINK
21 FROM FOR YOUR COFFERS. AND THESE PEDOPHILE JUDGES THAT ARE ON
22 THE BENCH IS ANOTHER ISSUE. THAT'S WWW.CHILDMOLESTERKAMANSKY
23 AND WE'RE COMING AND WE'RE COMING STRONG AND YOU PEOPLE ARE
24 NOT GOING TO SIT UP THERE, CALL ME OUT OF NAME, DO ALL THIS
25 SORT OF OTHER STUFF, YOU THINK IT'S EASY? YEAH, MY BIPOLAR IS



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1 TRIGGERED NOW, LADY, YEAH, BUT I CAN CONTROL IT A LITTLE BIT,
2 YOU KNOW? AND THANK GOD I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL I MARRIED A DOCTOR
3 WHAT I HAD. JUST BECAUSE WE'RE MENTALLY DISABLED DOESN'T MEAN
4 THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE. YOU PEOPLE NEED TO WAKE UP, YOU NEED TO
5 GET THESE CHILDREN SOME DRUG COUNSELING, YOU NEED TO GET THEM
6 SOME MENTAL HEALTH AND YOU NEED TO SCREEN THEM. WE DON'T NEED
7 TO TURN IT INTO A WAREHOUSE. THIS PRISON GUARDS UNION HAVE
8 BOUGHT AND SOLD ARNOLD. WE THOUGHT-- THE RECALL OF THE
9 GOVERNOR WAS MY IDEA WHEN I MET WITH SEAN STEEL AFTER THE
10 SECOND TIME THEY PUT ME IN PRISON ON PHONY CHARGES. THERE YOU
11 GO, ETHEL, BELOW THAT WHISTLE. THANK YOU ALL AND HAVE A
12 WONDERFUL DAY AND PLEASE SEND SOMEBODY UP TO CALIFORNIA
13 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AUTHORITY TO GET THEM ELECTED BY THE
14 PEOPLE.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. SNELL.

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18 **E. T. SNELL:** OH, YEAH, RIGHT, GLORIA. BUTTON UP WITH SUGAR
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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD WE GET READ INTO-- FOR CLOSED
22 SESSION.

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24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
25 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF



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2 1, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS,
3 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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